

Pakistan in turmoil

A political crisis which began in March culminated in the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto:

March 9 President Pervez Musharraf suspends Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry; heavy protests follow

July 10 Government troops storm the Red Mosque in Islamabad

July 20 Supreme Court orders Chaudhry back to his post

Aug. 23 Supreme Court rules that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif may return from exile

Sept. 10 Sharif lands in Islamabad and is immediately sent back to Saudi Arabia

Oct. 6 Musharraf re-elected president; Supreme Court warns result will not be ratified until it rules on his eligibility

Oct. 19 139 people killed by suicide bomb targeting Benazir Bhutto's convoy in Karachi on her return from eight-year self-imposed exile

Nov. 3 Musharraf suspends constitution and declares state of emergency

Nov. 28 Musharraf steps down as military leader

Dec. 15 Musharraf lifts state of emergency and restores constitution

Dec. 27 Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto assassinated during campaign rally in Rawalpindi



*Benazir Bhutto
1953 - 2007*