

# Pervez Musharraf

Born: 11 August 1943, Delhi

**PAKISTAN**

President



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## Training/education

**1960s:** Pakistan Military Academy, Command and Staff College (Quetta), Royal Defence College (UK).

**1950s:** St. Patrick's High School, Karachi.

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## Professional experience

**2005:** Orders kidnap of journalist Hayatullah Khan in tribal areas. Bans journalists from working freely in Baluchistan and areas bordering Afghanistan.

**2004:** Imposes restrictions on investigative journalists and those working for foreign media. 25 journalists arrested, eight media outlets banned.

**2003:** Authorises military intelligence to watch, harass, arrest and torture Pakistani and foreign journalists. Two journalists kidnapped, 12 arrested, 27 physically attacked and six imprisoned, including Marc Epstein and Jean-Paul Guilloteau of the French weekly magazine *L'Express*, whose local assistant, Khawar Mehdi Rizvi, was arrested and tortured. Cable TV firms banned from offering access to Indian stations.

**2002:** Orders harassment of investigative journalists. Pushes through new press laws that threaten freedom of expression. Two journalists kidnapped, five imprisoned, 51 physically attacked.

**2001:** Declares himself president.

**October 1999:** Seizes power in military coup.

**1991:** Becomes a general, commands artillery division.

**1971:** Takes part in war between Pakistan and India.

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## Hobbies/interests

Tennis, swimming, music, bridge, military history.

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