

# Kenya's political history

*Since Kenya's independence in 1963, only three men have held the presidency.*



**1890s-1940s** Kenya under British rule; white settlers take tribal lands for plantations

**1940s-1950s** Rebels attack settlers and Africans loyal to them; British troops quell bloody Mau Mau rebellion; many Africans killed

**1963** Kenya gains independence; activist Jomo Kenyatta rules until 1978

**1978-2002** Daniel arap Moi's presidency marred by charges of human rights abuses, corruption

**2002** Opposition leader Mwai Kibaki wins presidency; economy improves, but graft continues

**2007** Kibaki claims victory in disputed election; widespread ethnic violence reported

