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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1989: The Berlin Wall fell as the East German government threw open its border to the West**

1799: A 33-year-old Corsican general, Napoleon Bonaparte, mounted a coup d'état that brought him to power as Consul of France

1970: French soldier and statesman Charles de Gaulle died at age 79

1993: The famous 400-year-old Ottoman bridge in Mostar, Bosnia, was destroyed by repeated shelling

2009: Chinese authorities executed nine people, reportedly eight Uighurs and one Han, in connection with July's ethnic riots in Xinjiang