

A portrait of Hamid Karzai, the former president of Afghanistan. He is wearing a black turban and a dark jacket, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. The background is dark with some blurred red and yellow elements.

Today in History

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▲ **Hamid Karzai was officially elected president of Afghanistan at the loya jirga in Kabul, a move supported by the country's former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah**

323 BC: Alexander the Great, king of Macedonia and one of the greatest military leaders in history, died in Babylon, now in Iraq

1982: The French government announced a prices and incomes freeze following devaluation of the franc

1992: Worldwide agreement reached at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro on a programme of action to counter the global environmental crisis