

A photograph of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the former leader of Libya. He is wearing a brown traditional robe and a matching head covering. He is seated in a chair with a striped backrest, looking towards the camera with a serious expression. His hands are resting on his lap, and he is wearing rings on his fingers. Another person's head is visible in the background to the left.

Today in History

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▲ **Colonel Muammar Gaddafi**, who ruled Libya with a dictatorial grip for almost 42 years, was killed when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his home town Sirte

1822: The first edition of the Sunday Times newspaper was published in Britain

1935: Mao Zedong's forces ended their year-long "Long March" at Yan'an, in Shaanxi, northwest China

1973: Sydney Opera House was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II

2002: Blue Stream, the deepest underwater pipeline in the world, running under the Black Sea between Russia and Turkey, opened