

A photograph of Nelson Mandela, wearing a dark suit and tie, raising his right fist in a gesture of solidarity. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are also raising their fists. The background is slightly blurred, showing more people and greenery.

Today in History

February 11, 1990

▲ **Nelson Mandela, South Africa's black nationalist leader, was released after 27 years in jail for charges related to the ANC's armed campaign against apartheid**

1970: Japan became the fourth country to put a satellite into orbit

2001: Two groups of scientists **simultaneously published the first complete map of the human genome**

2010: President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared that Iran was a nuclear state following a successful 20% uranium enrichment

2011: **Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak bowed to pressure and stepped down**