

A close-up portrait of Pablo Picasso, an elderly man with a wrinkled face, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a red, white, and blue striped shirt. In the background, a portion of his famous painting 'Les Femmes d'Alger' is visible, showing a yellow sun and a figure in a green dress.

Today in History

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▲ **Pablo Picasso, Spanish painter, sculptor and pioneer of Cubism, died. His most noted works were *Demoiselles d'Avignon* and *Guernica***

1838: Isambard Kingdom Brunel's steamship *Great Western* left Bristol on her maiden voyage to New York

1913: The opening of China's first parliament took place in Peking

1953: Jomo Kenyatta was sentenced to seven years in jail for involvement in Kenya's Mau Mau insurrection

2005: More than 200 world leaders, together with millions of pilgrims from around the world, attended the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome