



Today in History

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▲ A life-sized Lucian Freud portrait of a naked woman, “Benefits Supervisor Sleeping”, sold for \$33.6m, then a record for a work by a living artist

1940: Winston Churchill told Britain’s wartime coalition he could offer “nothing but blood, toil, tears and sweat”

1981: Pope John Paul II was shot as he drove through a crowd of 20,000 in St Peter’s Square in Rome

1998: Despite sanctions, India carried out a fifth underground nuclear test in the Rajasthan desert

2003: Four near-simultaneous suicide bombings killed 35 people in the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh