

A photograph showing the execution of Saddam Hussein. He is in the center, facing forward, with a noose around his neck. He is being held by two men in black balaclavas. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Today in History

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▲ **Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was hanged in Baghdad. Saddam led Iraq from 1979 until 2003, when he was deposed during the U.S.-led invasion**

1916: The Siberian mystic Rasputin, a favourite of Russia's Tsarina Alexandra, was murdered by Russian nobles

1988: U.S. President Ronald Reagan and President-elect George Bush were subpoenaed to testify at the trial of former aide Oliver North

1993: The Vatican and Israel agreed to recognize each other

1995: The first passenger bus for three years was welcomed into the Muslim enclave of Gorazde, Bosnia