

A photograph of Princess Diana standing in a minefield. She is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, a blue protective vest, and a clear plastic face shield. She is holding a white envelope in front of her. To her right is a red triangular warning sign with a skull and crossbones and the text 'PERIGO MINA' and 'DANGER'. The background is a lush green field with purple flowers.

Today in History

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▲ Princess Diana walked through a minefield during a visit to Angola in support of a campaign by the Red Cross for a worldwide ban on landmines

1790: Fletcher Christian and eight Bounty mutineers landed on the remote Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific

1827: Asbestos, a new heat-resistant material, was tested for the first time

1929: U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King was born

1970: Australian Prime Minister John Gorton called for a halt to all oil drilling off the Queensland coast, pending an inquiry into the possible dangers to the Great Barrier Reef