

A sepia-toned portrait of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first president of Turkey. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a military-style uniform with a high collar and a dark peaked cap. He has a prominent mustache and is looking slightly to the right of the camera. A large, ornate star-shaped medal is pinned to his left breast, and several smaller ribbons are visible on his right breast.

## Today in History

*March 3, 1924*

▲ Turkey's first president, Mustafa Kemal, pursued his programme of modernisation by abolishing the Ottoman Caliphate and exiling the Caliph and his family

**1802:** Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published

**1861:** Alexander II of Russia freed more than 23 million serfs, giving them the full rights of free citizens

**1939:** John Wayne starred in his first major screen role as the western Stagecoach premiered in New York

**1969:** The Apollo 9 spacecraft was launched from Cape Kennedy. The main aim of its 10-day flight was to test the lunar module in Earth's orbit