

A sepia-toned photograph of Robert Mugabe, leader of Zimbabwe, smiling and raising his right hand in a celebratory gesture. He is wearing a suit and glasses. Other people in suits are partially visible in the background.

Today in History

March 4, 1980

▲ **Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party won a decisive election victory in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia; the country was officially renamed Zimbabwe the following month**

1493: Italian explorer Christopher Columbus was forced by a storm to put into Lisbon on his return to Spain at the end of his first voyage to the new world

1927: Some 25,000 diggers rushed to stake their claims in new diamond fields at Grasfontein, South Africa

1994: Four Islamic extremists were found guilty of bombing New York's World Trade Centre in 1993, killing six

2006: A new species of shark was discovered off Mexico