

A photograph showing Colonel Muammar Gaddafi in his military uniform, shaking hands with a man in a dark suit. Gaddafi is wearing a black cap with a red band and a gold emblem, and has a mustache and glasses. The man in the suit is smiling. Other people are visible in the background.

Today in History

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1909: The SOS distress signal was first used by the Cunard liner SS Slavonia

1934: Frederick Delius, English composer, died at his home in Grez-sur-Loing, France

1954: An aerial search party found over 100,000 people isolated from the world, surrounded by sheer limestone cliffs in the highlands of Papua New Guinea

2004: American musician Ray Charles, soul music pioneer who was blind from age seven, died