

A portrait of Hassan Rouhani, the 7th President of Iran. He is an older man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a white turban and a dark brown jacket over a white shirt. He is smiling and waving his right hand towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing parts of the Iranian flag (green, white, and red).

Today in History

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▲ **Hassan Rouhani, a moderate cleric, was elected president of Iran, pledging to reach out to the west and improve relations with the United States**

1822: Charles Babbage proposed a mechanical engine to calculate and produce tables of polynomial functions

1934: Hitler and Mussolini, dictators of Germany and Italy, met for the first time in Venice

1995: Chechen gunmen occupied a hospital in southern Russia, taking some 2,000 patients and staff hostage

2009: Europe recorded its first H1N1 flu death just days after the outbreak was labelled a global pandemic