



Today in History

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▲ From the Papuan highlands to strife-torn Aceh, millions of voters participated in Indonesia's first direct presidential election, won by Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

1977: General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq overthrew the Pakistani government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a bloodless coup

1984: Exiled former Nigerian transport minister Umaru Dikko was found in a crate at Stansted airport after an attempted kidnapping

2010: BP's costs for the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill reached \$3.12 billion

2012: The Shard in London, 310m high, was inaugurated as the tallest building in western Europe