



Today in History

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▲ **Libyan rebels seized Muammar Gaddafi's Tripoli compound, with its iconic statue of a crushed U.S. plane, but the embattled dictator escaped via underground tunnels**

1966: Lunar Orbiter 1 took the first photograph of the Earth from the Moon

1973: A botched bank robbery in Sweden, in which hostages began to sympathise with their captors, led to the term "Stockholm syndrome"

1989: A 300km human chain for freedom in the Baltic states marked 50 years since the pact which led to their incorporation into the Soviet Union

1999: Germany's parliament moved back to Berlin after 50 years in Bonn