

A sepia-toned portrait of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. He is wearing a military cap with a crest and a uniform with epaulettes. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

Today in History

September 1, 1969

▲ A coup by military officers overthrew the government of Libya and proclaimed the Libyan Arab Republic under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi

1939: Germany invaded Poland, heralding the start of World War Two

2002: The Chinese government blocked access to U.S. search engine Google to censor information

2004: Chechen terrorists seized over 1,300 hostages at a school in Beslan, Russia. The siege ended two days later when at least 330 people were killed

2010: The 33 trapped Chilean miners received food piped through a tube, their first hot meal in 26 days