

A photograph of Nelson Mandela and Winnie Mandela in a crowd. Nelson Mandela, in the center, is wearing a grey suit and tie, with his right arm raised in a fist. Winnie Mandela, to his right, is wearing a dark jacket over a patterned top, also with her right arm raised in a fist. They are surrounded by other people, some of whom are also smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing more people and greenery.

Today in History

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▲ **Nelson Mandela, South Africa's black nationalist leader, was released after 27 years in jail for charges related to the ANC's armed campaign against apartheid**

1858: Bernadette Soubirous was born. Her visions of the Virgin Mary led to the foundation of the shrine at Lourdes

1975: Conservative Margaret Thatcher became the first woman leader of a British political party

1995: The fragile peace in Bosnia broke down as Serbs and Croats disputed the region of Krajina

2010: British fashion designer and courturier, Alexander McQueen, was found hanged at his London home