

A photograph of Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's former Prime Minister, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and striped tie. He is standing outdoors with other people in the background, including a soldier in a beret.

## Today in History

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▲ **Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's former Prime Minister, was assassinated when a massive bomb struck his motorcade in Beirut, killing him and 22 other people**

**1945:** The German city of Dresden was devastated by Allied bombing

**1975:** P.G. Wodehouse, English author who created Jeeves and Bertie Wooster, died

**2005:** At least 209 miners were killed after a gas explosion at a coal mine in northeast China

**2005:** YouTube, a website in which videos could be freely uploaded, shared, and viewed, was established by three former PayPal employees