

A photograph of a war-torn street in Homs, Syria. The street is filled with rubble and debris. On the left, a soldier in camouflage gear is walking towards the camera. In the center, a military vehicle is driving away. The buildings on both sides are heavily damaged, with many windows missing and structural damage visible. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Today in History

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▲ **Syrian government forces captured the city of Homs after a three-year siege. Unrest in Homs had erupted after anti-government demonstrations**

1945: Final surrender documents were signed by Germany at the end of WWII

1960: The first oral contraceptive for women was approved for use in the United States

1980: Pope John Paul II and the Archbishop of Canterbury met for the first time while visiting Ghana

2005: Women-only cars were introduced in Tokyo to alleviate the problem of men groping women on overcrowded trains