



Today in History

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▲ Thailand experienced a second military coup in eight years, after the army seized power from the interim government two days after declaring martial law

1885: Victor Hugo, French poet, dramatist and novelist, died aged 83

1975: Rhodesia was expelled from the Olympics for its racial policies

1990: Former Marxist South Yemen and conservative North Yemen merged into a single state

1995: A surgeon flying to London saved the life of a fellow passenger suffering from a collapsed lung by operating on him with a coathanger sterilised in five-star brandy