

A portrait of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, wearing a white thobe and ghutra. He is looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. The background is blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

Today in History

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▲ **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani became Emir of Qatar on his father's abdication, taking charge of the nation's vast energy wealth and rising political influence**

1630: The table fork was introduced into America from England

1925: The first car telephone was exhibited in Germany

1975: Samora Machel was sworn in as President of Mozambique after 477 years of Portuguese rule

2001: Vladimiro Montesinos, Peru's former intelligence chief and aide to disgraced ex-President Alberto Fujimori, was arrested in Venezuela after eight months on the run