

A woman wearing an orange t-shirt and a black bucket hat is holding up a key with a red plastic handle. She is looking directly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be the interior of a vehicle or a similar setting.

Today in History

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▲ The evacuation of all 8,500 Israeli settlers from the Gaza Strip was completed, a step taken to show Israel's commitment to negotiations with the Palestinians

1514: Ottoman Sultan Selim I defeated Shah Ismail I, founder of the Safavid dynasty, at the Battle of Chaldiran

1948: The World Council of Churches was formed

1973: A botched bank robbery in Sweden, in which hostages began to sympathise with their captors, led to the term "Stockholm syndrome"

2006: Austrian kidnap victim Natascha Kampusch, 18, escaped after eight years in a windowless cell