

A photograph of Muhammadu Buhari, a Nigerian politician, wearing a white traditional Nigerian robe (baju) and a blue patterned cap (fila). He is smiling and holding a small Nigerian flag in his hands. The background is a green and white patterned wall.

## Today in History

*March 29, 2015*

▲ **Muhammadu Buhari became the first opposition candidate to win a presidential election in Nigeria, beating the incumbent, Goodluck Jonathan, by over 2.5 million votes**

**1974:** NASA's Mariner 10 became the first spacecraft to reach Mercury

**2001:** A train-load of high level nuclear waste arrived at a storage facility in Germany, despite efforts by protesters to block the rail tracks

**2004:** Ireland became the world's first country to impose a nationwide ban on smoking in public places

**2004:** The Baltic states, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia were formally welcomed into NATO