

A close-up portrait of Alejandro Toledo, a man with dark, wavy hair, smiling broadly and showing his teeth. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark tie. His right hand is raised in front of him, with his index and middle fingers extended in a 'V' shape.

Today in History

June 3, 2001

▲ **Alejandro Toledo was elected president of Peru, the first South American president of indigenous descent to be democratically elected in 500 years**

1665: British naval forces defeated a Danish fleet off the coast of Suffolk

1950: A French expedition made the first successful ascent of the Himalayan peak of Annapurna

1992: The largest ever environmental summit opened in Rio de Janeiro, with 178 nations taking part

2012: A spectacular river pageant, the first in 300 years, was held in London as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations