

A photograph of Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev at a podium. Putin is in the foreground, looking slightly to the right, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie. Medvedev is behind him, also in a dark suit and tie, looking forward. There are microphones in front of them. The background is a blue curtain.

## Today in History

*May 7, 2000*

▲ Vladimir Putin, the former KGB officer who the previous year had been virtually unknown in Russian public life, was formally sworn in as president

**1934:** The world's largest pearl, a clam pearl weighing 6.4kg, was found by a Filipino diver off Palawan island

**1977:** Ninety thousand tickets for a concert in London by Bob Dylan sold out in eight hours

**1997:** Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic was the first person convicted of war crimes by an international court since WWII

**2007:** German scientists discovered the Kerguelen Plateau, a sunken island formerly joined to India