

A photograph showing Emperor Akihito of Japan being enthroned. He is seated on a high, ornate throne, wearing a traditional brown Japanese robe (kariginu) and a black eboshi hat. He holds a wooden tablet (shaku) in his right hand. In front of him, a person in a dark suit is seen from behind, with their hands raised in a gesture of support or presentation. The background is a large red curtain, and the scene is lit with warm, dramatic lighting.

Today in History

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▲ **Japan's Emperor Akihito was enthroned in traditional Imperial rites in Tokyo. He has indicated he will abdicate in 2018, the country's first abdication in 200 years**

1812: The remnants of Napoleon's Grand Armée suffered huge losses on the retreat from Moscow

1969: The story of the My Lai Massacre, in which U.S. soldiers murdered hundreds of unarmed Vietnamese civilians in 1968, broke

2003: The death penalty was abolished in Turkey, a move prerequisite for membership of the European Union

2014: The Philae space probe made the first ever landing on a comet