

A close-up portrait of Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, with short blonde hair, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression. She is wearing a blue jacket.

Today in History

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▲ **Angela Merkel formally became Germany's first female Chancellor. She won a fourth consecutive term in office in the federal elections of September 2017**

1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama was the first to sail round the Cape of Good Hope

1977: Concorde began regular flights to New York from London and Paris

2002: Scientists suggested that all dogs are descended from wolves living in East Asia 15,000-40,000 years ago

2015: Nola, a 41-year-old northern white rhino, died at San Diego Zoo, leaving only three known animals of this species left in the world