

A close-up portrait of Benazir Bhutto, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. She is wearing a white headscarf.

## Today in History

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▲ **Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's former prime minister, was assassinated in a suicide attack as she left an election rally in Rawalpindi**

**537:** The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul was inaugurated as a Greek Orthodox cathedral. It later became a mosque

**1927:** Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Soviet Communist Party after a power struggle with Stalin

**1972:** Belgium became the first NATO country to establish diplomatic relations with East Germany

**1978:** Spain became a democracy after more than 40 years of fascist dictatorship under General Franco