

A close-up portrait of Margaret Thatcher, looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. Her hands are clasped in front of her chin. She is wearing a dark blue jacket and a pearl earring.

Today in History

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▲ **Margaret Thatcher, Britain's first woman prime minister, died aged 87. Her uncompromising style of leadership led to her being nicknamed the "Iron Lady"**

1820: The sculpture of the Venus de Milo was discovered on the Greek island of Milos

1913: The opening of China's first parliament took place in Peking

1924: Turkey's President Kemal Ataturk abolished Sharia courts as part of his programme of wide-ranging reform

2008: Construction of the Bahrain World Trade Centre, the world's first building to integrate wind turbines, was completed