

A close-up portrait of Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, with short blonde hair, smiling slightly. The background is blurred, showing other people's hands and faces.

Today in History

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▲ **Chancellor Angela Merkel won a fourth term in Germany's federal election despite her CDU party's poorest result in decades and gains by the far-right AfD**

1983: Five Italian businessmen were jailed for their role in the 1976 explosion at Seveso that released a cloud of dioxin gas

1993: Norodom Sihanouk reclaimed the throne of Cambodia that he had given up in 1955

1996: The five nuclear powers signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, banning all nuclear testing

2015: Over 2,000 pilgrims died in the worst ever crush at the Hajj