



Today in History

February 13, 1990

▲ Nelson Mandela, newly released from jail, received a hero's welcome on his return to Soweto, pledging to end "the dark hell of apartheid" in South Africa

1941: Penicillin, discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming, was first used on a human patient

1969: Human eggs were fertilised in a test-tube for the first time

1974: Author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was stripped of Soviet citizenship after *The Gulag Archipelago* was published

2017: Kim Jong-nam, half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, was killed by poison sprayed into his face at Kuala Lumpur Airport