

A photograph of Mahathir Mohamad, the former leader of Malaysia, smiling and raising his arms in celebration. He is wearing a red jacket over a white shirt. In the background, the Malaysian flag is visible, and other people's hands are seen raised in a similar gesture of triumph.

## Today in History

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▲ **Malaysia's former leader Mahathir Mohamad, aged 93, became the world's oldest head of government after a surprise election victory**

**1924:** J. Edgar Hoover became the first Director of the FBI

**1954:** The silicon-based junction transistor, soon to be incorporated into the first transistor radio, went into commercial production

**1994:** Nelson Mandela was sworn in as South Africa's first black president

**1994:** Media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi became prime minister of Italy. He remained a major player in Italian politics for almost 20 years