

A photograph of an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a patterned long-sleeved shirt, standing in profile and looking out of a window with vertical bars. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window. A wooden chair is partially visible in the foreground.

Today in History

June 14, 1964

▲ **Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa. In 1995, a year into his presidency, he made a return visit to his jail cell on Robben Island**

1962: The European Space Research Organisation, later replaced by the European Space Agency, was established

1966: The Vatican announced the abolition of the Index of Prohibited Books, first published in 1559

1989: Thousands of deported Bulgarian Muslims poured into Turkey, reporting brutal suppression of ethnic Turks

2013: Hassan Rouhani was elected president of Iran, pledging to improve relations with the West