

An aerial photograph showing a person in a blue shirt standing on a red-tiled roof. The surrounding area is flooded with brown water. A red object, possibly a container, is floating in the water nearby. The person is looking up at a camera or light source above them.

# Today in History

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▲ **Exceptionally heavy monsoon rains in India's flood-stricken state of Kerala left more than 180 people dead and over 200,000 seeking shelter in relief camps**

**1979:** Former Cambodian dictator Pol Pot was sentenced to death in absentia

**1989:** Poland became the first country in eastern Europe to end one-party rule

**2004:** Internet search engine Google was floated on the New York Stock Exchange. The offer price of \$85 shot up 18% on the first day of trading

**2014:** U.S. journalist James Foley was beheaded by militants of the so-called Islamic State