

A portrait of Haile Selassie, the former emperor of Ethiopia, in a military uniform. He is wearing a white uniform with a red sash and a cap with a red band. He has a grey beard and is looking slightly to the left.

## Today in History

*August 27, 1975*

▲ **Haile Selassie, deposed emperor of Ethiopia, died under house arrest. Officially attributed to natural causes, rumours persist that he was murdered**

**1859:** The world's first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania

**1993:** Japan's Rainbow Bridge across Tokyo Bay opened. It was lit by red, white and green lights

**2003:** Mars passed closer to Earth than at any time in the last 60,000 years, 55,758,004km (34,646,418 miles)

**2010:** Leaders of the Burmese junta resigned from their posts ahead of general elections in November