



# Today in History

*October 9, 2019*

▲ Turkey launched a military invasion of north-eastern Syria following an abrupt decision by President Donald Trump to pull U.S. troops out of the region

**1970:** Cambodia declared itself the Khmer republic

**1975:** Soviet dissident and human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

**1990:** Nelson Mandela made an emotional return to South Africa's notorious Robben Island jail where he spent 20 years of his life

**2017:** Over half a million Rohingya Muslims were estimated to have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh