

A close-up portrait of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of Turkey, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He has a mustache and is wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. The background is a blurred Turkish flag with its characteristic red field and white crescent and star.

Today in History

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▲ **President Erdogan's AKP party won a stunning victory in Turkey's snap election, sweeping back into single-party rule five months after losing its majority in parliament**

830: Pope Gregory IV inaugurated the feast of All Saints, or All Hallows

1985: A genetic fingerprint was used for the first time by Alex Jeffreys in the UK to prove paternity

1995: U.S.-mediated talks began in Dayton, Ohio, to end four years of war in the former Yugoslavia

2005: "Extraordinary rendition", the U.S. policy of taking captives to jails in eastern Europe for interrogation, was first reported in the press