

A close-up portrait of Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. The background is a blurred red and white flag.

## Today in History

*February 11, 2011*

▲ **Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak bowed to pressure and stepped down, sparking wild celebrations in Cairo's Tahrir Square and across the country**

**2001:** The first complete map of the human genome was published, containing around 30,000 genes

**2006:** The H5N1 strain of bird flu was found in several western Europe countries, traced in dead swans

**2016:** Scientists announced they had finally detected gravitational waves as predicted by Einstein a century earlier

**2020:** The WHO named the disease caused by the novel coronavirus Covid-19, and the virus SARS-CoV-2