



## Today in History

*March 02, 1931*

▲ **Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, whose reforming policies of perestroika and glasnost contributed to the end of the Cold War, was born**

**1801:** The War of the Oranges between Spain and Portugal began

**1836:** Texas declared independence from Mexico

**1986:** Queen Elizabeth II signed a bill formally severing the last constitutional ties between Australia and Britain

**2020:** The death toll from Covid-19 reached 3,000, mostly in China, with almost 90,000 cases worldwide. A year on over 2 million have died and cases have topped 100 million