

A photograph of a man in a black and white striped shirt shouting with his mouth wide open and his right fist raised. In the background, there is a large, white, abstract monument with several curved pillars under a clear blue sky. Another person is partially visible in the background to the left.

Today in History

March 16, 2011

▲ **Bahrain security forces attacked and cleared protesters from the Pearl roundabout in the centre of Manama, which had been the focus of weeks of protest**

1851: Roman Catholicism became the only authorised faith in Spain following a Concordat with the Vatican

1867: Joseph Lister found that swabbing with carbolic acid solution greatly reduced the risk of gangrene

1926: Professor Robert Goddard successfully launched the first liquid-fuel rocket

1966: Neil Armstrong become the first non-military astronaut to orbit the Earth, on the Gemini 8 mission