

A close-up photograph of Osama bin Laden. He is wearing a white turban and has a long, dark beard. He is looking slightly to the right and has his right hand raised, with his index finger pointing upwards. The background is dark with some white, abstract patterns.

Today in History

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▲ **Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. special forces in a covert operation based on U.S. intelligence that revealed he was hiding out in Pakistan**

1775: Benjamin Franklin completed the first scientific study of the Gulf Stream

1989: Removal of the security fence between Hungary and Austria allowed East Germans in Hungary to defect to the West

2000: U.S President Bill Clinton announced that accurate GPS access, originally restricted to the U.S. military, would be made available for civilian use

2006: New President Evo Morales nationalized Bolivia's gas industry