

A close-up photograph of Raul Castro, former president of Cuba. He is an older man with grey hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a green military uniform with gold stars on the collar. He is gesturing with his right hand, palm facing forward.

## Today in History

*June 3, 1931*

▲ **Raul Castro, former president of Cuba, was born. He stood down as First Secretary of the Communist Party in 2021, bringing an end to Castro rule in Cuba after 62 years**

**2001:** Alejandro Toledo of Peru became South America's first elected president of indigenous descent in 500 years

**2011: President Saleh of Yemen narrowly survived an assassination attempt amid a tribal uprising**

**2011:** Mass anti-government demonstrations took place in Syria in the face of a brutal crackdown

**2020:** An emergency was declared in Siberia after 20,000 tonnes of diesel leaked into a river in the Arctic Circle