

A photograph showing a group of Taliban militants in a mountainous region. They are wearing traditional headwear (turbans) and military-style clothing. Several of the militants are holding large, shoulder-mounted rocket launchers, pointing them towards the right side of the frame. The background shows a dry, hilly landscape under a clear sky.

Today in History

September 27, 1996

▲ **Taliban militants captured Kabul after a rapid offensive through eastern Afghanistan. Former President Mohammad Najibullah was seized and executed**

2002: A tract of Australian land used by Britain as a missile test range in the 1950s was returned to local Aborigines

2004: British entrepreneur Richard Branson founded Virgin Galactic to offer suborbital spaceflights

2014: Hollywood star George Clooney married human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin

2020: Donald Trump was reported to have paid no federal income tax in 11 of the previous 15 years