

A portrait of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, wearing a black beret, dark sunglasses, and a brown jacket over a white shirt. He is looking slightly upwards and to the right. In the background, a red flag with a white star is visible, though out of focus.

## Today in History

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▲ **Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, who ruled Libya with a dictatorial grip for 42 years, was killed when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his home town of Sirte**

**1935:** Mao Zedong's forces ended their Long March in northern China, a year after fleeing Chiang Kai-shek's forces

**1947:** An investigation into Communist infiltration of Hollywood began, blacklisting people for years

**2002:** Blue Stream, the world's deepest underwater pipeline, was opened between Russia and Turkey

**2020:** NASA's OSIRIS-REx probe successfully touched down on the asteroid Bennu to collect samples