



Today in History

December 13, 1981

▲ **General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in Poland in an attempt to stifle the rise of the Solidarity union's challenge against Communist rule**

1991: The U.S. lifted its ban on sporting, scientific and academic links with South Africa

1991: The five Asian republics of the old Soviet Union pledged support to the newly-formed Commonwealth of Independent States

2001: A suicide attack on the Indian parliament building in Delhi killed 14

2011: The UN estimated at least 5,000 people had been killed in the first nine months of the Syrian uprising