



Today in History

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▲ **King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulu nation died at age 72 from Covid-19-related complications. He led South Africa's largest ethnic group for over 50 years**

1999: Former Warsaw Pact countries Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland were admitted into NATO

2001: Afghanistan's Taliban rulers confirmed they had blown up two giant 2,000-year-old statues of Buddha

2007: The UN criticised Sudan for gross human rights violations in Darfur, including murder, mass rape and kidnapping

2009: U.S. businessman Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty to 11 charges relating to his \$65bn Ponzi scheme