

A photograph of Sandra Mason, the first president of Barbados. She is a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a large pink hat with a white ribbon and a light blue dress with a white lace collar. She is smiling and holding a small box containing a medal with a red, white, and blue ribbon.

Today in History

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▲ **Sandra Mason was elected as the first president of Barbados. She took office six weeks later, when the Caribbean nation formally became a republic**

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

1952: Suspected leaders of the Mau Mau Uprising in Kenya were arrested by the British

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

2021: North Korea confirmed it had test-fired a newly developed ballistic missile from a submarine