

A photograph of Marie Colvin, a U.S. war correspondent, speaking at a podium. She is wearing a black V-neck top, a pearl necklace, and a red poppy pin. She has blonde hair and is wearing an eyepatch over her right eye. She is holding a piece of paper in her left hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a painting and a vase of white flowers.

Today in History

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▲ Award-winning U.S. war correspondent Marie Colvin was killed when shells hit a makeshift media centre in the besieged Syrian city of Homs

1946: The discovery of streptomycin, the first antibiotic for tuberculosis, was announced

1993: The UN voted to set up a war crimes tribunal to punish atrocities in the former Yugoslavia

1995: A Mississippi judge rejected the “free will” plea by tobacco companies that smokers were aware of the risks

2017: Seven Earth-sized exoplanets were detected orbiting the star Trappist-1, three in its habitable zone