

A portrait of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, smiling and wearing a large, dark, textured hat with yellow and green decorative bands. She is also wearing a green and yellow patterned scarf and a dark jacket. Her right arm is raised in the background.

Today in History

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▲ **Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, ex-wife of Nelson Mandela, died aged 81. A key figure in the fight against apartheid, she was later tainted by links to corruption**

1513: Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon became the first European to set foot in Florida, claiming it for Spain

1978: The first episode of the prime-time TV soap opera **Dallas** was screened in the United States

1993: The Soviet Union admitted to having systematically dumped nuclear waste in Arctic and Eastern waters

2018: China's first space station, **Tiangong-1**, crashed harmlessly into the southern Pacific Ocean