



Today in History

October 29, 1923

▲ The Republic of Turkey was proclaimed with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as its first president. His adoption of secularism radically transformed Turkish society

1998: South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission condemned apartheid as a crime against humanity

1998: John Glenn, 77, returned to space aboard the shuttle Discovery, 36 years after he first orbited Earth

1998: Hurricane Mitch battered Central America, leaving over 10,000 dead in Honduras and Nicaragua

2003: Kazakhstan announced it was building a dam to save part of the Aral Sea, which had shrunk by 85%