

A portrait of Jerry Rawlings, a man with grey hair and a beard, wearing glasses and a white shirt. He is looking directly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery and a building.

Today in History

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▲ **Jerry Rawlings, President of Ghana from 1981-2001 and a driving force behind the country's emergence as a stable democracy, died from Covid-19 at age 73**

1893: Afghanistan and Britain agreed the boundary between Afghan tribal lands and British territories

1933: Hugh Gray took the first photograph purporting to show the Loch Ness monster

1981: The space shuttle Columbia became the first space vehicle to be used more than once

2003: The death penalty was abolished in Turkey, a move prerequisite for membership of the European Union