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*A military parade on the 35th anniversary of the People's Republic of China in 1984.*

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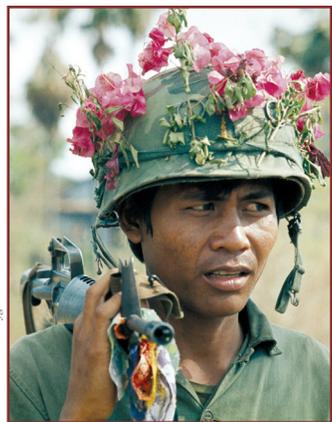
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*Soldier in the Civil War in Cambodia.*

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*Announcing the online edition*

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*Soldiers drape a portrait in 1993 of Muhammed Ali Jinnah, Pakistan's founder.*

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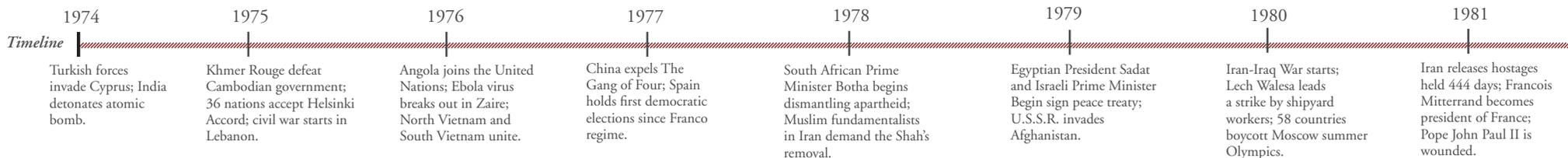
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- Western Europe (WEU), 1974-1996



*Russian Air Force personnel discussing war strategy in 1993 over a map at headquarters of the 201st Division.*



*Beijing after the 1989 Tiananmen Square repression.*

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The Hama Massacre begins in Syria; Argentina invades the Falkland Islands.

1983

Poland announces end of martial law; anti-Tamil riots break out in Sri Lanka; Soviet Union shoots down Korean Air Flight 007.

1984

Peace and Friendship Treaty signed between Argentina and Chile; Indira Gandhi orders troops to the Sikh Golden Temple.

1985

Mikhail Gorbachev becomes general secretary of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R.; Sandinista Daniel Ortega becomes president of Nicaragua.

1986

Desmond Tutu becomes archbishop of Cape Town; Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Ukraine explodes.

1987

Portugal signs agreement to return Macau to China; First Intifada begins in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

1988

Benazir Bhutto elected prime minister in Pakistan; military coup seizes control in Myanmar.

1989

Germans begin dismantling Berlin Wall; dissident groups rise in Czechoslovakia; demonstrations begin in Tiananmen Square.

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From top to bottom: India’s Indira Gandhi, Iraq’s Saddam Hussein and Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini.

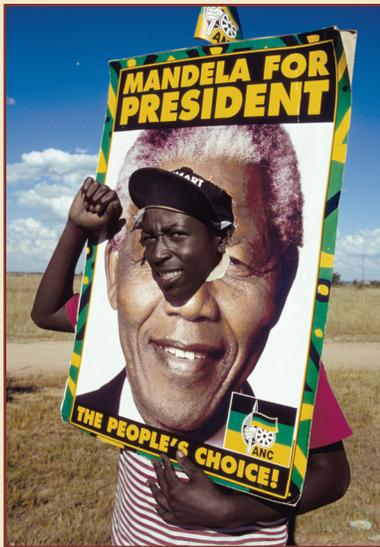


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*UN soldier helps evacuate a Bosnian citizen from the city of Mostar, circa 1993.*



*A Nelson Mandela supporter wearing a campaign poster in 1994.*

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