

Year 1989

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German Democratic Republic: Onset of round table talks.

Bulgaria: Opposition groups form the Union of Democratic Forces (Syuz na demokratitschnite sili).

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Czechoslovakia: Gustav Husák resigns his position as the President; he is replaced by Václav Havel on 29 December.

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Bulgaria: Amnesty is declared.

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Romania: Riots ensue after the removal of a popular pastor László Tókéş in Timişoara; in the following days the army uses weapons, tens of people are killed.

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Romania: Nicolae Ceauşescu organises a rally in support of his policy in Bucharest; the rally turns into a demonstration; fighting breaks out in the capital.

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Romania: Ceauşescu flees Bucharest; the National Salvation Front (Frontul Salvării Naţionale) takes over.

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Romania: Nicolae Ceauşescu and his wife Elena are executed after they are sentenced to death by a military tribunal.

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Bulgaria: Abolition of the legal discrimination of the Turkish minority.

Poland: The constitution is changed; provisions guaranteeing the leadership role to the Polish United Workers' Party (Polska Zjednoczona Partia Robotnicza) are removed; the traditional national emblem (the crowned white eagle) and the name of the state (Republic of Poland) are reinstated.



