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Events – March 1971

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Pope Kyrillos VI aka Azer Youssef Atta (aged 68, beaten in a murder attempt in his hermitage outside Old Cairo by bandits, likely in 1939, hospitalized; evicted from his hermitage on October 28, 1941 by the government; returned to his hermitage in mid 1945, evicted by the British after a few months; consecrated patriarch of the Coptic Church on May 10, 1959; UPDATE: died of natural causes)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_VI_of_Alexandria https://openlibrary.org/books/OL27765146M/A_Silent_Patriarch_pg_386

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Lithuania: Adutiskis

Fr Bronius Laurinavicius (**UPDATE**: refused to give the parish baptismal and matrimonial books to a government agent, later admitted that many people were never entered into the books for their protection)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=350&Itemid=235

Thursday March 25, 1971
Attack on East Pakistan by Pakistan
Beginning of the Bangladesh Liberation War

March 1971, date unknown