**17 November**

The **Athens Polytechnic** **Uprising** (The National Metsovian Technical University of Athens, sometimes known as Athens Polytechnic, is among the oldest higher education institutions of [Greece](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece) and the most prestigious among engineering schools)occurred in November 1973 as a massive student demonstration of popular rejection of the [Greek military junta of 1967–1974](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_military_junta_of_1967%E2%80%931974), a regime which abolished [civil rights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_rights), dissolved political parties and [exiled](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exile), [imprisoned](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prison) and [tortured](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torture) politicians and citizens based on their political beliefs. The uprising began on 14 November 1973, escalated to an open anti-junta revolt, and ended in bloodshed in the early morning of 17 November after a series of events starting with a [tank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tank) crashing through the gates of the [Polytechnic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Technical_University_of_Athens).