

Picture: Newscam

Aug 26, 1883

The massive two-day eruption of Krakatoa began. It killed some 36,000 in Java and Sumatra and the explosion was loud enough to be heard in Australia

1498: Michelangelo was commissioned to carve the Pieta for St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican

2008: Russia recognised Georgia's two breakaway regions, Abkhazia and South Ossetia

2011: Scientists announced they had discovered a so-called "diamond planet" about 4,000 light-years away

2011: Protesters in Syria defied the security crackdown and called on President Bashar al-Assad to resign



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Aug 27, 1908

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th US president, was born in Texas. He was sworn in on

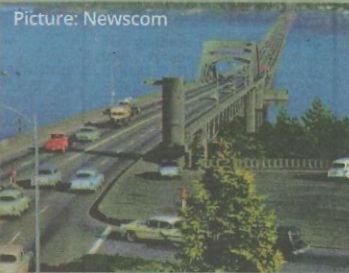
Nov 22, 1963, following the assassination of John F. Kennedy

1828: Uruguay formally became a sovereign nation under the Treaty of Rio de Janeiro

1993: Japan's Rainbow Bridge across Tokyo Bay opened. It was lit by red, white and green lights

1998: Russia's Central Bank ceased trading in the rouble

2003: Mars passed within 55,758,004km (34,646,418 miles) of Earth, the closest distance between the two planets in some 60,000 years



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Aug 28, 1963

The Evergreen Floating Bridge, the world's longest floating bridge, first linked Seattle and Medina in Washington state. The 2.31-mile bridge was replaced in 2016

1963: Civil rights leader Martin Luther King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington DC

1998: Global equity markets slumped due to financial turmoil in Russia

2003: Peru's Truth and Reconciliation Commission reported that 69,000 people,

mostly Quechua Indians, were killed in the 1980-2000 civil war

2008: Barack Obama accepted the Democratic presidential nomination



Picture: Associated Press

Aug 29, 1958

Troubled superstar Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop", was born in Gary, Indiana. He died from an accidental overdose of sleeping drugs in June 2009

1533: Atahualpa, the last sovereign emperor of the mighty Inca Empire, was executed by the Spanish

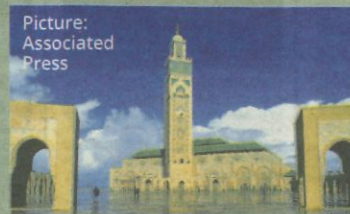
2008: Italian airline Alitalia filed for bankruptcy protection

2008: Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic refused to enter pleas to charges including genocide at his war crimes trial in The Hague

2017: North Korea fired a Hwasong-12 missile over Japan in a move described as an "unprecedented" threat

Aug 30, 1993

The Grand Hassan II Mosque, North Africa's largest mosque, with a laser beam aimed at the holy city of Mecca, was dedicated in Casablanca, Morocco



Picture: Associated Press

1918: Lenin, the new leader of Soviet Russia, was shot and wounded after speaking at a factory in Moscow

1963: A direct telephone "hotline" came into operation between the White House and the Kremlin

1973: Kenya banned the hunting of elephants and the trade in ivory, but poaching has remained widespread

2017: The new Queensferry Crossing, a 2.7km bridge over the Firth of Forth, opened in Scotland



Picture: Associated Press

Aug 31, 2017

The worst monsoon flooding in years killed over 1,200 people in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, with 41 million people directly affected by floods and landslides

1951: Four photos taken of 18-20 white lights flying in a V formation over Texas led to intense speculation about UFOs

1969: Undeclared former world heavyweight champion

boxer Rocky Marciano was killed in an air crash

1983: The funeral of murdered Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino took place in Manila

2016: Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was impeached and removed from office



Picture: Getty Images

Sept 1, 2003

China announced plans to cut troop numbers by 200,000. Despite the cuts China's armed forces remain the world's largest, currently over two million strong

1969: Colonel Muammar Gaddafi led a military coup in Libya that overthrew the government and proclaimed a republic

2003: The Netherlands became the first country to allow cannabis to be dispensed as a prescription drug

2008: English Premier League football club Manchester City was bought by an Abu Dhabi consortium

2009: Alain Robert evaded security to climb one of the 88-storey Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur