



# Today in History

*August 29, 2005*

▲ **Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast. At least 1,800 people died, mostly in New Orleans, 80% of which was flooded after the city's levees failed**

**1885:** Gottlieb Daimler patented the world's first motorcycle in Germany

**1947:** U.S. scientists announced the discovery of plutonium fission suitable for the generation of nuclear power

**1949:** The Soviet Union tested its first atomic bomb, the news emerging on September 22 when Britain, Canada, and the U.S. announced its detection

**2012:** United Nations International Day Against Nuclear Tests