



Today in History

October 26, 2002

▲ **Russian forces stormed a Moscow theatre to end a three-day hostage crisis but the virulent knock-out gas used to subdue the militants killed 129 hostages**

1863: An international conference laid down the principles which led to the Geneva Convention of 1864

1905: Norway gained independence from Sweden following an overwhelming vote by Norwegians

1972: Russian-born aviation pioneer Igor Sikorsky, who invented the first successful helicopter, died in the U.S.

2011: EU Leaders agreed to force banks to take a 50% cut in the value of Greek debt