



Today in History

July 27, 1942

▲ **The Battle of El Alamein ended after 17 days, with the British and Allied forces having prevented the German and Italian advance into Egypt**

1949: The first commercial jet airliner, Britain's De Havilland Comet, made its maiden flight

1989: Christer Pettersson, a Swede with 63 previous convictions, was jailed for the 1986 murder of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme

2001: A team of international scientists concluded that centuries of overfishing were the primary cause of the collapse of the world's coastal ecosystems, rather than pollution or global warming