



Today in History

January 28, 1986

▲ The Challenger space shuttle exploded 72 seconds after lift-off, killing all seven astronauts on board were killed, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe

1935: Iceland became the first country to legalise abortion on medical-social grounds

1943: Adolf Hitler mobilised the entire adult population of Germany

1999: The Ford Motor Company announced it was to buy Sweden's Volvo car division for \$6.45 billion

2009: Israel bombarded smuggling tunnels along the Gaza Strip-Egypt border in response to continued rocket fire by Palestinian militants