



Today in History

February 27, 2010

▲ An 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of central Chile, killing over 500 people, and triggering a tsunami which devastated several coastal towns

1879: The accidental discovery of the artificial sweetener saccharin was reported

1939: Britain and France recognised General Franco's rebel government in Spain

2003: Former Bosnian Serb president Biljana Plavsic was jailed for 11 years for crimes against humanity

2011: Sultan Qaboos of Oman, in power for 40 years, responded to protesters by creating 50,000 jobs