



Today in History

March 5, 1953

▲ Soviet leader Joseph Stalin died after three decades in power. His regime of terror caused the death of tens of millions, but he also played a key role in the defeat of Nazism

1512: Flemish geographer and map-maker Gerardus Mercator was born

1984: Scientists warned that the increased production of carbon dioxide was heating up the earth's atmosphere

1998: NASA announced the discovery of ice on the moon

2001: 35 Muslim pilgrims were crushed to death during the Stoning of Satan ritual at the Hajj, Mecca