



Today in History

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▲ **Afghanistan's Taliban rulers confirmed they had blown up two giant statues of Buddha in Bamiyan province that were almost 2,000-year-old**

1913: Canberra became the official capital of Australia

1930: Mahatma Gandhi began a 300-mile protest march in India to protest at a British tax on salt

1984: The first Coca-cola was sold as a nerve and brain tonic. It contained a lime, cinnamon and coca leaves

2009: Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zaidi was jailed for three years for throwing his shoes at then-U.S. President George W. Bush