



Today in History

March 17, 1993

▲ France announced plans to disband its army's 100-year-old carrier pigeon unit. They played a key role in the Siege of Paris in 1870, and again in World War I

1938: Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev, one of the greatest ballet stars of the 20th century, was born

1963: Mount Agung volcano erupted on Bali, killing at least 11,000 people

1993: China threatened to set up an alternative government in Hong Kong if the British colony's governor continued his programme of democratic reform

2003: Spain's Supreme Court banned the Basque party Batasuna because of links with ETA