

A photograph of the Cathedral of Brasília, a modernist building with a large, white, conical roof supported by several tall, white, curved columns. The roof is topped with a cross. The building is set against a blue sky with white clouds. The text "Catedral Metropolitana" is visible on a small sign in the foreground.

Today in History

April 21, 1960

▲ **Brasilia became the new capital city of Brazil. Designed by Oscar Niemeyer, it features in Unesco's World Heritage List due to its striking architecture**

1989: More than 100,000 students poured into Beijing's Tiananmen Square, ignoring government warnings

2003: Shiite Muslims visited the holy city of Karbala in Iraq, a pilgrimage banned under Saddam Hussein

2008: Lee Kun-Hee resigned as chairman of Samsung Electronics, having been indicted for tax evasion

2009: An extrasolar plane, Gliese 581e, with a mass relatively close to that of Earth, was discovered