



Today in History

May 2, 1953

▲ **King Hussein of Jordan succeeded to the throne. He ruled until his death in 1999, and was the second Arab head of state to recognize Israel**

1775: Benjamin Franklin completed the first scientific study of the Gulf Stream

1988: Seven Solidarity leaders were detained as thousands of shipyard workers went on strike in Poland

2003: India and Pakistan restored diplomatic relations and transport links, broken off after an attack on the Indian parliament in 2001

2011: Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was shot dead by U.S. special forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan