



## Today in History

*July 17, 1973*

▲ **1973: King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan was overthrown in a military coup led by former prime minister Sardar Muhammad Daoud Khan**

**1790:** English inventor Thomas Saint patented the first sewing machine

**1990:** Iraq threatened to use force against Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, to prevent them driving oil prices down by overproduction

**1998:** The remains of Russian Tsar Nicholas II, murdered by Bolsheviks in 1918, were reinterred in St Petersburg

**2006:** A 7.7 earthquake under the Indian Ocean triggered a tsunami, killing 668 people on Java