



Today in History

July 24, 1938

▲ **The Battle of the Ebro, the longest and bloodiest battle of the Spanish Civil War, began when Republican troops launched an assault on Nationalist forces**

1993: Russia's central bank announced a drastic reform of the monetary system, withdrawing all banknotes issued up to the end of 1992

1995: Three Premiership footballers were charged with fixing matches

2001: Mount Etna's most violent eruption in years threatened to engulf the Sicilian town of Nicolosi

2001: Attacks by Tamil Tiger rebels in Sri Lanka crippled Colombo airport and left people 18 dead