



Today in History

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▲ The Yangtze River dolphin was declared functionally extinct after an intensive survey of its natural habitat. The freshwater mammal died out due to human activity

1815: Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for exile on St Helena

1909: A New South Wales grazier demonstrated his electric sheep shearing device for the first time

1929: The Graf Zeppelin began a round-the-world flight, lifting off from the U.S. state of New Jersey

1983: President Rias Montt of Guatemala was overthrown by Defence Minister General Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores in a coup