



Today in History

August 11, 1988

▲ **Al-Qaeda, responsible for the September 11 attacks, the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings and the 2002 Bali bombings, was founded by Osama bin Laden**

1863: Cambodia became a French protectorate

1956: Leading American Expressionist painter Jackson Pollock was killed in a car accident

1969: Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda nationalised copper mining, key to Zambia's economy

2006: President Charles Taylor of Liberia fled into exile in Nigeria as peacekeepers moved into the capital, Monrovia