



Today in History

September 18, 1981

▲ **France abolished the death penalty, ending the use of the guillotine, the legal method of execution since the French Revolution**

1793: President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol building in the District of Columbia

1988: The military seized power in Burma

2001: A virulent new computer worm, Nimda, attacked over 130,000 web servers and PCs worldwide

2008: Trading was suspended for a third straight day on Russia's two main stock exchanges amid fear of financial collapse