



Today in History

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▲ A powerful earthquake struck northern Pakistan and Kashmir, killing around 80,000 people, including 17,000 children lost when their schools collapsed

1895: Queen Min of Korea, who tried to stem the tide of Japan's domination in her country, was assassinated

1970: Alexander Solzhenitsyn won the Nobel Prize for Literature

1993: The UN General Assembly lifted almost all its remaining economic sanctions against South Africa, imposed because of racial apartheid

2001: A rare first folio edition of Shakespeare's plays, printed in London in 1623, sold for \$6,166m