



Today in History

December 12, 1963

▲ **Kenya gained independence from Britain with Jomo Kenyatta as prime minister; it became a republic the following year with Kenyatta as its first president**

1995: The UN tribunal investigating the genocide in Rwanda issued its first indictments, accusing eight people of taking part in the mass slaughter of thousands in a stadium and church

2003: **Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger was knighted**

2006: Leading climatologists warned that most of the Arctic icecap will have melted by 2040

2012: **North Korea launched a rocket, in defiance of international warnings**