



Today in History

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▲ The Zimbabwean dollar was abandoned as an official currency after years of hyperinflation. Its astonishing denominations included a \$100 trillion banknote

1557: The city of Cuenca, located in the highlands of Ecuador, was founded by Spanish explorers

1606: A new Union Flag combined England's Cross of St George and Scotland's Cross of St Andrew

1954: Rock Around the Clock was recorded by Bill Haley and the Comets

2009: U.S. navy snipers shot dead three Somali pirates who had held U.S. merchant ship captain Richard Phillips hostage for four days