



Today in History

June 16, 2009

▲ The four emerging “BRIC” powers, Brazil, Russia, India and China, held their first summit, having doubled their share of world output in just a decade

1961: Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev requested political asylum in the West while visiting Paris with the Kirov Ballet

1976: The Soweto Uprising began over plans to teach in Afrikaans in black South African schools

2004: Iran warned it could develop a nuclear weapons programme if the IAEA criticised it for lack of cooperation

2012: The unmanned Boeing X-37 spacecraft returned to Earth after a classified 469-day orbital mission