



Today in History

July 14, 1789

▲ **Citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison, a hated symbol of the monarchy, at the start of the French Revolution. Bastille Day is now a public holiday in France**

1902: St Mark's Campanile, the bell tower of St Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy, collapsed. It was rebuilt in 1912

1933: Nazi Germany's eugenics programme called for sterilization of citizens with "genetic disorders"

1957: Rawya Ateya became the first female parliamentarian in the Arab world when she took her seat in the National Assembly of Egypt

1994: The U.S. coastguard picked up 15,107 Haitians fleeing the country