



Today in History

July 27, 1949

▲ The first commercial jet airliner, Britain's De Havilland Comet, made its maiden flight. It had to be redesigned in 1954 after suffering three crashes due to metal fatigue

1054: Scottish king Macbeth, immortalised by Shakespeare, was defeated at Dunsinane

1866: The first successful underwater telegraph cable was laid across the Atlantic Ocean

1989: Christer Pettersson was found guilty and jailed for the 1986 murder of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme

2004: Monsoon floods affected over 42 million in India and Bangladesh, two thirds of which was submerged