



Today in History

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▲ Japan's neighbours protested when premier Junichiro Koizumi visited the Yasukuni shrine honouring its war dead, and seen as a symbol of military aggression

1880: Construction of Cologne Cathedral in Germany, which began in 1248, was finally completed

1893: The first ever car registration plates were introduced in France

1969: British troops were deployed in Northern Ireland to restore order as sectarian violence racked the province

2011: Shammi Kapoor, Indian film actor and director, died in Mumbai aged 79. He was a prominent lead actor in Hindi cinema from the 1950s