



Today in History

August 18, 2010

▲ **The last U.S. combat brigade withdrew from Iraq following seven years of fighting that claimed the lives of more than 4,000 U.S. troops**

1868: French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium after observing an unexplained yellow line in the solar spectrum

1964: South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games as a result of its apartheid policies

2003: Ma Li Hua of Singapore toppled 303,621 dominoes, a new world record

2011: Canada, France, Germany, the UK and the U.S. called for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to resign