



Today in History

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▲ A new library in Egypt, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, was opened on the site of the fabled original destroyed by fire in the fourth century AD

1834: Britain's House of Commons was destroyed by fire

1964: China detonated its first atomic bomb, becoming the world's fifth nuclear power

1984: Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Cape Town in South Africa, was awarded the Nobel Peace prize

1989: A decline in African elephant population led the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species to ban all trading in ivory