



Today in History

February 9, 1969

▲ **The Boeing 747, the first wide-body commercial airliner, made its maiden flight. The “Jumbo Jet” held the passenger capacity record for 37 years**

1981: Bill Haley, the U.S. singer credited with popularising rock and roll in the 1950s, died

1996: The IRA's 17-month ceasefire ended with a huge bomb in London's Docklands, which killed two men

2001: Nine Japanese died when a U.S. submarine hit their fishing boat while making a rapid surfacing manoeuvre

2003: India began its biggest ever mass immunization campaign to end a polio epidemic in Uttar Pradesh