



Today in History

March 3, 1924

▲ Turkey's first president, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, pursued his programme of modernisation by abolishing the 1,300-year-old Ottoman Caliphate

1802: Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published

1861: Alexander II of Russia freed more than 23 million serfs, giving them the full rights of free citizens

1931: The Star-Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key, was adopted as the national anthem of the United States of America

1933: The likelihood of a scientific link between sunburn and cancer was first made public in Australia