



Today in History

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▲ **Extremists from the so-called Islamic State demolished ancient cultural heritage sites in northern Iraq, including the Assyrian capitals of Nineveh and Nimrud**

1950: The Soviet Union claimed to be in possession of the atomic bomb

1952: The first use of an artificial heart kept a 42-year-old Philadelphia man alive for 80 minutes

2001: China unveiled a \$12 billion plan to divert water from the Yangtze River to the drought-stricken north

2014: Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, with 239 people aboard, vanished, satellite data indicating it ditched in the Indian Ocean