



Today in History

May 31, 1911

▲ The White Star liner Titanic was launched in Belfast. At the time it was the largest vessel afloat, but the ship famously sank on its maiden voyage in April 1912

1891: Construction of the 9,288km Trans-Siberian Railway began

1991: Angola's President Eduardo dos Santos and UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi signed a peace agreement to end a lengthy civil war

1994: The death toll in the Rwandan genocide was estimated to have reached 800,000

2009: Rafael Nadal, champion for the past four years, suffered his first ever loss at the French Open tennis