

A photograph showing two women in the foreground, looking distressed. The woman on the left is covering her face with her hand, and the woman on the right is holding her head with her hand. In the background, a large electronic stock market display is visible, showing columns of red and green numbers. The text 'Today in History' is overlaid in white at the bottom of the image.

Today in History

June 12, 2015

▲ **China's stock market bubble crashed, with one third of the value of A-shares on the Shanghai Stock Exchange wiped out over the following month**

1931: Chicago mobster Al Capone was charged with 5,000 offences under America's prohibition laws

1956: Australia began a free mass vaccination programme using Jonas Salk's polio vaccine

1991: Boris Yeltsin became the first ever directly elected leader of the Russian Federation

2003: A mass grave from the 1930s was uncovered in Mongolia, where up to 30,000 died in Stalinist purges