



Today in History

June 20, 1597

▲ Dutch explorer Willem Barents died after a year stranded in the Arctic on an expedition to search for the Northeast passage. The Barents Sea is named after him

1756: Over 140 British soldiers were imprisoned in what became known as the Black Hole of Calcutta

1949: Gussie Moran's lace-edged panties created uproar at the Wimbledon tennis tournament

1956: Radioactive rain fell across central Australia after an atomic test

2001: Pakistan's military leader, General Pervez Musharraf, consolidated his grip on power by declaring himself president