



## Today in History

*August 14, 2001*

▲ Japan's neighbours protested when premier Junichiro Koizumi visited the Yasukuni shrine honouring its war dead, and seen as a symbol of military aggression

**1893:** France introduced the first ever motor vehicle registration plates

**1986:** Riots against President Zia broke out across Pakistan

**1996:** South Africa's National Party, the architects of apartheid, moved to the opposition benches for the first time in 48 years

**2015:** The U.S. flag was raised at the newly reopened embassy in Havana, another easing of 50 years of chilly relations between the U.S. and Cuba