



Today in History

August 16, 2012

▲ Ecuador said it would grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, holed up in its London embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden to face trial

1191: Crusader King Richard I had 2,500 Saracen hostages put to death

1966: The Declaration of Bogota was signed, calling for the economic integration of Latin America and non-intervention in the internal affairs of American states

1989: A solar flare from the sun created a geomagnetic storm that halted trading on Toronto's stock market

2010: China overtook Japan as the world's second-largest economy