



Today in History

August 23, 1966

▲ **NASA's Lunar Orbiter 1 took the first photograph of the Earth from the Moon, during an unmanned mission to map the surface of the Moon prior to the Apollo landings**

1939: Germany and the Soviet Union agreed in secret to separate "spheres of influence" in eastern Europe

2006: Natascha Kampusch escaped after being held for eight years in a windowless cell near Vienna

2007: A fossil found in Africa raised the possibility that gorillas and humans had an ancestor that existed two million years earlier than previously thought

2015: Islamic State militants blew up the Baalshamin temple in Palmyra