



Today in History

September 7, 1936

▲ **Singer-songwriter Buddy Holly, a key figure of mid-1950s rock and roll, was born in Lubbock, Texas. He died in a plane crash in 1959 at the height of his fame, aged 22**

1978: Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov was murdered in London with a poison pellet fired via an umbrella

1986: Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, became the first black head of South Africa's Anglicans

2005: President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt was elected in the country's first ever multi-candidate elections

2009: Drivers in Samoa switched from driving on the right hand side of the road to the left