



Today in History

September 30, 2015

▲ **Russia launched a wave of airstrikes in Syria in support of President Bashar al-Assad. Moscow said it was targeting so-called Islamic State militants**

1791: Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* was first performed in Vienna

1846: William Morton, a dentist from Massachusetts, used anaesthesia to extract a tooth

1991: Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the first democratically-elected president of Haiti, was ousted in a military coup

2015: The Palestinian flag was raised for the first time at the United Nations, a symbolic step in the quest for Palestinian statehood