



Today in History

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▲ **Tim Peake became Britain's first official astronaut when he blasted off aboard a Soyuz rocket to the International Space Station for a six-month mission**

1992: El Salvador's government and leftist guerrilla leaders formally declared an end to the country's 12-year civil war

2001: The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened to visitors after 11 years following delicate engineering work to prevent it toppling over

2006: Saudi Arabia announced plans to build a separation barrier between it and Iraq to keep out extremists

2009: Boeing's 787 Dreamliner made its long-delayed first test flight