



Today in History

January 15, 2009

▲ **A U.S. Airways A320 with 155 people on board ditched into the Hudson River after striking a flock of birds shortly after take-off from New York's LaGuardia Airport**

1827: Asbestos, a new heat-resistant material, was tested for the first time

1992: The European Community recognised Croatia and Slovenia as independent republics

2009: China revised its estimate of its economic growth in 2007 to 13%, overtaking Germany to become the world's third largest economy

2016: Scientists confirmed the discovery of the brightest known superluminous supernova ever seen