



Today in History

January 20, 1987

▲ **Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite disappeared in Beirut, Lebanon, while trying to negotiate the release of Western hostages. He was held captive for five years**

1882: A draper's in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, became the world's first shop to be lit by electric light

1987: U.S. soul singer Aretha Franklin became the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

1997: Steve Fossett landed his hot-air balloon in northern India, having set a new distance record of 9,672 miles

2016: Scientists reported evidence of a ninth planet far beyond Pluto