



Today in History

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▲ **Afghanistan's Taliban rulers confirmed they had blown up two giant statues of Buddha in Bamiyan province that were almost 2,000 years old**

1832: Charles Boycott was born. His name came to describe a non-violent non-cooperation after his tenants in Ireland adopted this form of protest

1913: Canberra became the official capital of Australia

1969: Simon and Garfunkel's Mrs Robinson was voted Record of the Year at the annual Grammy awards

1994: The first women priests in the history of the Church of England were ordained at Bristol Cathedral