

A photograph of astronaut Neil Armstrong standing on the lunar surface. He is wearing a white spacesuit with an American flag patch on the right arm and is holding a small object in his gloved hands. The background shows the dark, cratered surface of the moon under a black sky.

Today in History

July 20, 1969

▲ Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on to the surface of the moon, saying “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”

2001: A man was shot dead by police as demonstrations at the G8 summit in Genoa, Italy, escalated into violent riots

2007: The X-48B Blended Wing Body aircraft, designed to give better fuel efficiency, flew for the first time

2009: Ajmal Kasab, the only surviving gunman in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, pleaded guilty in an Indian court

2015: The United States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations, ending five decades of Cold War hostility