



Today in History

August 15, 1947

▲ India gained independence from Britain, partitioned into separate states of India and Pakistan. Up to a million civilians died in the mass migration and riots that followed

1057: Scottish king Macbeth, whose life was the basis for Shakespeare's play, was killed by the son of King Duncan

1537: Juan de Salazar founded Nuestra Senora Santa Maria de la Asuncion, now capital of Paraguay

2002: Prague faced a massive clean-up after the worst floods in the Czech capital for 200 years

2007: Myanmar's junta removed fuel subsidies, causing a rapid increase in prices that sparked street protests