

A photograph of a Yangtze River dolphin (baiji) leaping from the water. The dolphin is captured mid-air, its body arched, with water splashing around its base. The dolphin's skin is a light, mottled grey, and its long, slender snout is pointed upwards. The background is a dark, rippling body of water.

## Today in History

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▲ A Yangtze River dolphin, or baiji, was spotted in Anhui, China. The species had recently been declared functionally extinct, its decline due to human activity

**1533:** Atahualpa, the last sovereign emperor of the mighty Inca Empire, was executed by the Spanish

**1947:** The discovery of plutonium fission suitable for the generation of nuclear power was announced

**1994:** Samsung developed a computer chip with enough memory to hold the equivalent of 2,000 newspaper pages

**2010:** Athlete David Rudisha of Kenya set a new 800m world record for the second time in a week