



Today in History

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▲ **The ancient temple of Bel in Palmyra was destroyed by so-called Islamic State militants, one week after they also blew up the temple of Baalshamin**

1963: A direct telephone “hotline” came into operation between the White House and the Kremlin

1980: The Polish government agreed to give workers the right to strike and establish trade unions

2007: A B-52 mistakenly flew warheads between two U.S. air bases, breaking rules on transporting nuclear weapons

2009: A landslide victory by the Democratic Party of Japan ended 50 years of Liberal Democrat rule