



## Today in History

*December 24, 2009*

▲ After months of partisan debate the U.S. Senate passed a historic \$871bn health care reform bill that aimed to extend insurance cover to 30 million more Americans

**1800:** Napoleon survived a bomb blast that exploded near his carriage

**1995:** Serb and Muslim forces swapped 200 prisoners of war in a symbolic gesture of peace in Bosnia

**1997:** Carlos the Jackal was jailed for life in France for numerous terrorist acts including the 1975 kidnapping of 11 OPEC oil ministers

**2002:** A new Metro railway system in Delhi, India, was swamped by over a million people on its first day