



Today in History

March 6, 1853

▲ The premiere of Verdi's opera *La Traviata*, about a doomed love affair between a consumptive courtesan and a young gentleman, was staged in Venice

1998: The crisis in the Serbian province of Kosovo escalated when Serbian police attacked ethnic Albanian villages

2003: The U.S. ratified the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty, reducing U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads

2006: Poland confirmed its first outbreak of the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus, in two wild swans

2015: Nigeria's militant Boko Haram group pledged allegiance to the so-called Islamic State