



## Today in History

*March 27, 1968*

▲ **Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was killed in a plane crash near Moscow. In 1961 he was the first human to fly into space, orbiting Earth in his Vostok spacecraft**

**1958:** Nikita Khrushchev removed Nikolai Bulganin as Soviet prime minister and assumed the post himself

**2008: Heathrow airport's Terminal Five opened for business**

**2016:** The Syrian Army recaptured Palmyra from the so-called Islamic State group

**2017: Thieves stole a 100kg Canadian coin of 99.999% pure gold from a Berlin museum. The Big Maple Leaf was valued at \$4.5m**