



Today in History

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▲ **China launched the 001A, its first domestically built aircraft carrier, as regional tensions grew over Beijing's assertiveness in the South China Sea**

1803: Thousands of fragments fell from the skies over L'Aigle, France, thus confirming the existence of meteors

1986: An explosion at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine spread a radioactive cloud over Europe

1994: The first non-racial general election got underway in South Africa

2008: Austrian police arrested Josef Fritzl, who incarcerated his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children by her