



Today in History

April 27, 1993

▲ **Eritrea declared independence from Ethiopia following a UN monitored referendum in which 99.83% voted in favour. The poll followed a 30-year civil war**

1880: The first electronic hearing aid for the deaf was patented

1981: Xerox PARC introduced the first computer mouse incorporated in a commercially available system

2001: Scientists revealed how rising thermal plumes in Earth's mantle drive tectonic plates, causing earthquakes

2007: Estonia became the first nation to suffer a major cyber-attack when unprecedented internet activity took down many banks and government sites