



Today in History

May 13, 1981

▲ **Pope John Paul II was shot and wounded as he drove through a crowd of 20,000 in St Peter's Square in Rome. The gunman, Mehmet Ali Agca, was arrested**

1968: North Vietnamese and American negotiators began talks in Paris aimed at ending the Vietnam War

1998: Despite sanctions, India carried out a fifth underground nuclear test in the Rajasthan desert

2003: Over a million people protested in France against proposed reforms to the state pension system

2009: Pixar's 3D movie **Up** became the first animated film to open the Cannes Film Festival