



Today in History

May 14, 1948

▲ **David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel, just eight hours before the British mandate in Palestine was due to expire**

1968: The Czechoslovak government announced widespread liberalising reforms under leader Alexander Dubcek

1988: Iraqi jets bombed the world's biggest ship, the Seawise Giant, at an oil terminal in Iran

1993: The creation of a sanctuary for whales in the oceans around Antarctica was officially endorsed

2008: The world's largest land predator, the polar bear, was listed as a threatened species