



Today in History

May 26, 1923

▲ **The first Le Mans 24-hour race was run, on public roads around the French town. It has since evolved into the most famous endurance race in motor sport**

1908: The first major oil strike in the Middle East was made in Persia

1988: Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical **Cats** opened in Moscow with a **British and American cast**

2008: China relaxed its one-child policy for parents of children killed in the Sichuan earthquake. Over 5,000 children died when schools collapsed

2017: Construction began of the **European Extremely Large Telescope (ELT)** in northern Chile