



Today in History

July 17, 2014

▲ **Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 crashed in war-torn eastern Ukraine, likely shot down by a Russian surface-to-air missile. All 298 people on board died**

1938: Aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York on a flight to California, but arrived the next day in Ireland, earning the nickname Wrong Way Corrigan

1973: King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan was overthrown in a military coup

1990: Iraq threatened to use force against Kuwait to prevent it driving oil prices down by overproduction

1996: The Community of Portuguese Language Countries was founded