



# Today in History

*August 30, 1993*

▲ **The Grand Hassan II Mosque, North Africa's largest mosque, with a laser beam aimed at the holy city of Mecca, was dedicated in Casablanca, Morocco**

**1918:** Lenin, the new leader of Soviet Russia, was shot and wounded after speaking at a factory in Moscow

**1963:** A direct telephone "hotline" came into operation between the White House and the Kremlin

**1973:** Kenya banned the hunting of elephants and the trade in ivory, but poaching has remained widespread

**2017:** The new Queensferry Crossing, a 2.7km bridge over the Firth of Forth, opened in Scotland