



Today in History

January 2, 1959

▲ The Soviet Union launched the unmanned Luna I, the first lunar space shot, which passed within 5,900km of the moon before moving on to orbit the sun

1989: It was reported that cattle ranchers in Brazil had cut down an area of rainforest as big as Belgium

1994: Astronomers discovered a new galaxy at the edge of the universe, around 13 billion light years away

2004: Magistrates in Italy began questioning fraud suspects about the bankruptcy of the dairy giant Parmalat

2009: Sri Lanka's army took control of Kilinochchi, de facto capital of the rebel Tamil Tigers