



Today in History

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▲ **China launched the 001A, its first domestically built aircraft carrier, as regional tensions grew over Beijing's assertiveness in the South China Sea**

1452: Italian Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci, painter, engineer, sculptor and architect, was born

1956: The world's first commercially successful container ship, the SS Ideal X, left New Jersey for Texas

1986: An explosion in a reactor at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine spread a radioactive cloud over Europe

2004: China ruled that Hong Kong could not vote directly for its president in an election due in 2007