



Today in History

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▲ Moroccan runner Hicham El Guerrouj set a new world record for the mile of three minutes 43.13 seconds in Rome, Italy. The record still stands, 20 years on

1937: The British Peel Commission advocated the partition of Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states

1985: The 17-year-old Boris Becker became the youngest ever men's singles champion at Wimbledon

2007: The first Live Earth concert, held to combat climate change, broadcast from 11 locations to a global audience

2009: Hundreds of Uighurs clashed with anti-riot police in the capital of China's Muslim region of Xinjiang