

A photograph of astronaut Neil Armstrong on the surface of the Moon. He is wearing a white spacesuit with an American flag patch on the right arm and is standing on the lunar surface, which is covered in dust and small rocks. His shadow is cast on the ground to his left.

# Today in History

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▲ Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on to the surface of the moon, saying “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”

**1944:** German staff officer Colonel von Stauffenburg tried unsuccessfully to assassinate Hitler

**1954:** An armistice was signed for Indo-China, under which Vietnam was separated into North and South

**1974:** Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus, dividing the island into Turkish and Greek controlled states

**1999:** A crackdown against the spiritual practice of Falun Gong saw thousands arrested across China