



Today in History

December 27, 537

▲ Istanbul's famous Hagia Sophia was inaugurated. Initially a Greek Orthodox cathedral, it became a mosque under the Ottoman Empire and is now a museum

1922: Japan commissioned the world's first purpose built aircraft carrier, named Hoshō

1949: Indonesia became legally independent from the Netherlands

1969: Libya, Sudan and Egypt (then known as the United Arab Republic), agreed to form a military, political and economic alliance

2009: A tomb claimed to be that of Cao Cao, a 3rd century warlord, was found in China's Henan province