



Today in History

March 8, 1946

▲ **The Bell Model 47 helicopter, developed by inventor Arthur Young, was awarded the world's first commercial helicopter license for civilian use**

1965: The first U.S. combat troops arrived in Vietnam to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang from the Viet Cong

2005: Former Chechen president Aslan Maskhadov was killed in a raid on his bunker by Russian troops

2010: The French Navy, backed by EU aircraft, captured 35 suspected pirates off the coast of Somalia

2015: Islamic State destroyed ancient heritage sites in northern Iraq, including Nineveh and Nimrud