



Today in History

June 11, 1955

▲ **Eighty-three people died at the Le Mans 24-Hour race after a crash catapulted a car into spectators at 150mph, the worst accident in motorsport history**

2003: Three 160,000-year-old skulls from Ethiopia were revealed as the oldest known fossils of homo sapiens

2005: The G8 industrialised nations agreed to cancel \$40bn in debt owed by the world's 18 poorest countries

2009: The World Health Organization declared a global flu pandemic as the H1N1 "Swine flu" virus spread

2010: The FIFA World Cup got underway in South Africa, the first time it had been staged in Africa