



Today in History

August 6, 1945

▲ A U.S. plane dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing around 80,000 people instantly and obliterating the city in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare

1825: Bolivia became independent after nearly 300 years of Spanish rule

1890: A convicted U.S. murderer was executed in the electric chair, raising controversy over whether this new method was humane

2005: Iran's new ultra-conservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was sworn in to power in Tehran

2015: Egypt inaugurated a new 35km channel of the Suez Canal, roughly doubling the canal's capacity