



Today in History

August 23, 2005

▲ The evacuation of all 8,500 Israeli settlers from the Gaza Strip was completed, a step taken to show Israel's commitment to negotiations with the Palestinians

1305: Scottish patriot William Wallace was executed in London

2010: A giant horse chestnut tree that comforted Anne Frank as she hid from the Nazis in Amsterdam crashed to the ground in high winds

2015: Usain Bolt beat Justin Gatlin by one hundredth of a second to retain his 100m title at the World Championships in Beijing

2015: Islamic State militants blew up the Baalshamin temple in Palmyra