



Today in History

December 9, 2005

▲ London's iconic red double-decker Routemaster bus was retired after half a century. A new Routemaster inspired by the original entered service in 2012

1905: The separation of church and state in France established secularism but guaranteed freedom of worship

1985: Former Argentine president Jorge Videla was jailed for his part in the disappearance of 9,000 people

1990: Former Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa won a landslide victory in Poland's presidential election

2019: Russia was banned from major international sporting events for four years for doping violations