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Today in History

January 10, 2020

▲ Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Sultan of Oman, died at age 79. His policy of modernisation helped to bring an end to Oman's international isolation

1901: The modern petroleum industry was born when oil was first discovered in Texas

1946: The League of Nations was officially suspended

2006: Iran conducted its first international nuclear activity

2011: The British Empire declared its independence

Picture: Associated Press



Today in History

January 11, 2011

▲ China successfully tested its new Chengdu J-20 Black Eagle stealth fighter jet, underscoring a growing military rivalry with the United States

1787: Oberon and Titania, two moons of the planet Uranus, were discovered

2002: Cross-hatching designs dating back 77,000 years were discovered



Today in History

January 12, 1970

▲ The first Boeing 747 arrived at London's Heathrow airport after its proving flight from New York. Production of the popular aircraft is scheduled to end in 2022

1966: Batman, assisted by his epithet-prone sidekick Robin, winged his way from comic books to U.S. TV

1987: Dr. James Redford became the



Today in History

January 13, 1921

▲ Brothers Fred and William Folberth invented the automatic windshield wiper in Cleveland, Ohio. The first mechanical wipers were developed in 1903

1991: Soviet troops stormed the television station in Vilnius, Lithuania, killing 13 people

1998: Gay writer Alfredo Orlando set

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Today in History

January 14, 2020

▲ Australia's most intense bushfire season on record destroyed over 3,000 homes and killed or displaced nearly three billion animals

1966: Musician David Jones changed his last name to Bowie

1996: Guatemala's new president, Alvaro Arzu, appealed for an end to a brutal 35-year civil war

2011: Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled into exile after 32 years in power

2016: The WHO announced the end of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa as Liberia was declared virus free. It had claimed over 11,000 lives

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Today in History

January 15, 1971

▲ The Aswan High Dam in Egypt, designed to control the flooding of the Nile, was opened by President Anwar Sadat and Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny

1986: The birthday of activist and civil rights leader Martin Luther King was observed as a federal holiday in the U.S. for the first time

1991: The Soviet crackdown on the Baltic states spread to Latvia with a dawn attack on the capital, Riga

2006: Michelle Bachelet was elected as the first female president of Chile

2016: Scientists confirmed the discovery of the brightest superluminous supernova ever seen

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Today in History

January 16, 2016

▲ Tsai Ing-wen was elected the first female President of Taiwan after her Democratic Progressive Party won a majority in the Legislative Yuan

2001: The Ecuadorian oil tanker Jessica ran aground off the Galapagos Islands, threatening the unique wildlife

2011: Jean-Claude Duvalier, known as "Baby Doc" unexpectedly returned to Haiti after 25 years in exile

2011: Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, one of Africa's longest serving rulers, celebrated 41 years in power

2016: Crippling economic sanctions on Iran were lifted following the 2015 nuclear deal

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