



Today in History

January 21, 1976

▲ **Supersonic passenger travel began as the first scheduled flights on Concorde took off simultaneously from Paris to Rio de Janeiro and London to Bahrain**

1911: A motor racing tradition was born as the first Monte Carlo Rally began

2011: The first official figures on the independence referendum in South Sudan showed almost 99 percent of voters chose to split from the north

2011: South Korean special forces freed a hijacked freighter from Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean

2016: Women in Brazil were warned to avoid pregnancy for fear of birth defects caused by the Zika virus