



## Today in History

*March 26, 1871*

▲ **French workers and radicals set up the Paris Commune when the government fled to Versailles following a humiliating defeat in the Franco-Prussian war**

**1971:** East Pakistan declared independence and war began after the Pakistani military junta launched attacks to curb Bengali nationalism

**1991:** Iraqi troops bombed the city of Kirkuk, held by Kurdish rebels

**2001:** Kazakhstan opened the first major pipeline linking the Caspian oil fields with international markets

**2020:** The U.S. Senate passed a \$2.2 trillion relief package to combat the Covid-19 pandemic