



## Today in History

*April 7, 2001*

▲ **NASA launched the Mars Odyssey spacecraft on a 30-month geological survey to the Red Planet, after which it began a series of extended missions**

**1906:** Hundreds died as Mount Vesuvius erupted in southern Italy

**1948: The World Health Organisation was established**

**1954:** U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower outlined his “domino theory”, that if one country fell to communism the surrounding countries would follow like dominoes

**2018: An apparent chemical weapons attack in the Syrian city of Douma killed over 40 people**