



Today in History

May 20, 2020

▲ **Cyclone Amphan devastated eastern India and Bangladesh, forcing the evacuation of four million people. Damage was estimated at over \$13 billion**

1977: The Orient Express, once the epitome of luxury travel, set off from Paris on its final journey to Istanbul

1991: The Soviet parliament approved in principle a law allowing its citizens to travel abroad freely

1996: Lee Teng-hui, first democratically elected leader of Taiwan, was inaugurated as president

2006: Construction of China's Three Gorges Dam was completed nine months ahead of schedule