



## Today in History

*August 15, 1971*

▲ **Bahrain declared itself a fully independent and sovereign state. Unlike its neighbours it has little oil, but has become wealthy via tourism and banking services**

**1969:** The legendary Woodstock Music and Arts Fair began on Max Yasgur's farm at Bethel, in upstate New York

**1971:** The U.S. broke from the gold standard, a system that linked the value of its currency directly to gold

**2000:** Members of 100 Korean families separated by the partition of Korea half a century earlier were reunited

**2005:** The government of Indonesia and separatist rebels from Aceh ended nearly 30 years of fighting