



Today in History

August 27, 1576

▲ Venetian Renaissance master Titian, whose handling of colour and mastery of new oil techniques made him one of the greatest painters of the period, died

1998: Russia's Central Bank ceased trading in the rouble

2001: The U.S. criticised Israel's policy of targeted killings of prominent Palestinians

2003: A stampede left 39 people dead at the Hindu Kumbh Mela festival in India as tens of thousands of pilgrims tried to bathe in the Godavari River

2004: Italian hostage Enzo Baldoni, a journalist and aid worker for the Red Cross, was shot dead in Iraq