



Today in History

December 16, 1971

▲ The independent republic of Bangladesh came into existence after West Pakistani forces surrendered in East Pakistan following India's intervention

1884: The first patent was issued for an automatic liquid vending machine

1990: Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a Catholic priest, won Haiti's first democratic presidential election in 200 years of independence

2000: A stream high in the Andes of southern Peru was confirmed as the exact source of the Amazon River

2020: China's Chang'e 5 spacecraft completed the first lunar sample return mission since 1976