



Today in History

December 19, 2001

▲ **The New York Fire Department said that fires burning in the ruins of the World Trade Centre were finally extinguished, three months after the 9/11 terror attacks**

1986: Soviet authorities announced Andrei Sakharov was to return to Moscow after seven years in internal exile

1991: The Australian Labour Party deposed prime minister Bob Hawke after eight years in office

2011: Troubled car maker Saab filed for bankruptcy, bringing to an end a two-year rescue effort

2016: A stolen truck was rammed into a Christmas market in Berlin, killing 12 people and injuring 56