



Today in History

February 23, 2020

▲ Italy, with one of the highest coronavirus rates outside China, placed almost 50,000 people in strict lockdown, with fines imposed for breaking regulations

1917: Riots and strikes against food shortages marked the start of the “February Revolution” in Russia

1941: Plutonium-238 was identified but its discovery was not published until after World War II

1996: Two sons-in-law of Saddam Hussein were executed on their return to Iraq despite promises of safety

2004: The WHO launched a major immunisation campaign to stem a polio outbreak in sub-Saharan Africa