



Today in History

May 7, 2000

▲ Vladimir Putin, the former KGB officer virtually unknown in Russian public life until the previous year, was formally sworn in as president

1682: Peter the Great, under whose reign Russia was modernised and grew into a European power, became Tsar

1823: Beethoven conducted the first performance of his Ninth Symphony, despite his deafness

1997: Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic was the first person convicted of war crimes by an international court since WWII

2007: German scientists discovered the Kerguelen Plateau, a sunken island formerly joined to India