



June 30, 1997

▲ **The ceremonial handover of Hong Kong from the UK to China marked the official transfer of sovereignty after 156 years of British colonial rule**

1997: A massive volcanic eruption buried much of the Caribbean island of Montserrat in ash

2002: Israel began building an electronic fence to seal Jerusalem off from much of the West Bank

2002: Brazil won its fifth World Cup soccer title, beating Germany 2-0 in the final in Yokohama, Japan

2020: China formally adopted a controversial national security law in Hong Kong