



Today in History

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▲ U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps became the most prolific medallist in Olympic history. He eventually retired after Rio 2016 with a total of 28 medals, 23 of them gold

1954: K2, the world's second highest mountain, was first climbed by an Italian expedition led by Ardito Desio

1962: Agreement was reached to expand the Federation of Malaya into a wider state called Malaysia

2007: Egypt's lost city of Rhakotis, 700 years older than Alexandria, was found by underwater archaeologists

2009: Russia's Gazprom began building a 1,822km pipeline to link Pacific gas fields with the port of Vladivostok