



## Today in History

*September 26, 1957*

▲ The stage musical **West Side Story**, by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, had its world premiere in New York. The film version (above) opened in 1961

**1687:** The Parthenon in Athens was severely damaged in a mortar attack by Venetian forces

**1997:** Mafia boss **Salvatore Riina** was jailed for life for the 1992 killing of prosecutor **Giovanni Falcone**

**2008:** Yves Rossy crossed the English Channel with a fixed-wing jet pack at 200km/h in just over nine minutes

**2017:** Saudi Arabia's King **Salman** issued a decree allowing women to drive for the first time