



Today in History

November 23, 1852

▲ Britain's first pillar boxes, a free-standing post box, were introduced in Jersey. The design was based on the "letter-receiving pillar" already in use in France

1996: Extremist Hindus threatened to commit suicide in protest against the Miss World contest being held in India

1997: One of the world's biggest securities houses, Japan's Yamaichi Corporation, went bankrupt

2006: Alexander Litvinenko, a Russian spy and outspoken Putin critic, died in London from radiation poisoning

2009: A mass vaccination campaign against yellow fever targeted 11.9m people in sub-Saharan Africa