



Today in History

March 9, 2022

▲ **Australia declared a national emergency in response to devastating floods along vast swathes of its east coast. At least 23 people died**

1862: The first-ever battle of iron-clad ships took place during the American Civil War

1961: The Soviet Union's Sputnik 9 carried a human dummy into space and returned it successfully to Earth

2003: Thousands of Ukrainian protesters called for the resignation of President Leonid Kuchma

2004: A U.S. report warned that obesity could soon be the nation's leading cause of preventable deaths