



Today in History

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▲ **The World Health Organisation recognised the Covid-19 outbreak as a global pandemic. Three years on, the death toll stands at almost seven million**

1918: An outbreak of Spanish flu began. It developed into a global pandemic that killed 50 million people

1985: New Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called for more glasnost, or openness, in Soviet life

2003: The first 18 judges of the International Criminal Court were sworn into office in The Hague

2011: A magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, triggering a major nuclear emergency