

A photograph of Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He has his right hand raised in a gesture. The background is a blue curtain with a Japanese flag partially visible on the left.

Today in History

July 8, 2022

▲ Japan's former prime minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated by a man brandishing a homemade firearm, shocking a nation where gun violence is very rare

1996: The International Court of Justice outlawed the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons in war

2003: North Korea indicated that it had enough plutonium to build six nuclear bombs

2010: The Swiss Solar Impulse aircraft remained aloft for 24 hours, a record for a solar powered craft

2013: Egypt's crisis escalated when troops shot dead 50 supporters of the ousted President Morsi