



Today in History

August 23, 1838

▲ Britain captured Hong Kong to use as a base as it prepared for war with China. The ensuing three-year conflict became known as the First Opium War

1617: The first one-way streets were set up in London to regulate “disorder and rude behaviour” by cart users

1966: NASA’s Lunar Orbiter 1 took the first picture of Earth from the moon

1973: A botched bank robbery in Sweden, in which hostages began to sympathise with their captors, led to the term “Stockholm syndrome”

1999: Berlin resumed its role as the capital of a united Germany for the first time since the end of World War II