



Today in History

September 1, 1923

▲ The Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake that killed 142,000 people and left 2.5 million homeless

1920: The French created the modern state of Lebanon

1928: Albania became a kingdom, with Zog I as its first monarch

2003: China announced plans to cut troop numbers by 200,000. Despite the cuts China's armed forces remain the world's largest, currently over two million strong

2003: The Netherlands became the first country to allow cannabis to be dispensed as a prescription drug