



Today in History

December 31, 2022

▲ **Former Pope Benedict XVI died at the age of 95, almost a decade after he stood down due to his ailing health. He was the first Pope to resign in 600 years**

1994: The World Trade Organisation succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

1999: Vladimir Putin became acting president of Russia after Boris Yeltsin's surprise resignation

2016: The music industry reached 100 million paying subscribers for streamed music worldwide

2019: In Wuhan, China, 27 cases of pneumonia were reported, the start of the Covid-19 pandemic