



Today in History

February 27, 1974

▲ Sweden reduced the status of the monarch to a figurehead. King Carl XVI Gustaf is pictured with Queen Silvia and Crown Princess Victoria on Sweden's National Day

1999: Eritrea accepted a UN peace plan to resolve the conflict with Ethiopia over a contested border

2004: Japanese doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara was sentenced to death for the fatal 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway

2014: Protests broke out in Crimea over the ousting of Ukraine's pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovich

2015: Boris Nemtsov, an outspoken critic of Vladimir Putin, was shot dead