



Today in History

March 18, 1949

▲ The text of the North Atlantic Treaty was first published, bringing NATO into being. The world's largest military alliance now has 31 members

1584: Ivan IV, the first Russian ruler to assume the title of Tsar, died. His cruelty and oppression earned him the nickname Ivan the Terrible

1844: Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was born

2014: Russia formally annexed Crimea after a referendum. The West refused to recognise the vote

2022: The 1915 Çanakkale Bridge, the first bridge over the Dardanelles, was opened in Turkey