

# GN45837 On this day in history Week26 - June 23-29



## Today in History

June 23, 2016

▲ The UK voted in a referendum to leave the European Union. Prime Minister David Cameron resigned as "Brexit" sent shockwaves around the globe

1960: The first oral contraceptive pill, Enovid, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

1991: The first video game featuring Sonic the Hedgehog was released in North America

1994: South Africa joined the UN after ending apartheid

1996: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was murdered in Bangladesh. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was prime minister of Bangladesh

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## Today in History

June 24, 2023

▲ Russia's mercenary Wagner Group seized the city of Rostov on Don and sent an armoured convoy towards Moscow, but the revolt was called off within hours

1994: One of the world's largest cargo aircraft, the Beluga, was unveiled

1998: Feathered dinosaur fossils found in China supported the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs



## Today in History

June 25, 2009

▲ Pop superstar Michael Jackson died after ingesting a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs. His death triggered an outpouring of grief among fans around the world

1910: The first performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet The Firebird was staged in Paris

1968: North Korea invaded South Korea



## Today in History

June 26, 1284

▲ According to legend, the Pied Piper lured 130 children from the German town of Hamelin, allegedly in revenge for not being paid for clearing the town of rats

1906: The first grand prix motor race was held at Le Mans over 105km of public roads. It was won by Hungarian Ferenc Salas, driving a Renault



## Today in History

June 27, 1967

▲ The world's first electronic cash dispensing machine was installed in London. The advent of the ATM, or automated teller machine, transformed banking worldwide

1844: Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, was killed by a mob storming a jail in Carthage, Illinois

1905: Mutinous Russian sailors took control of the battleship Potemkin and threw the commander overboard

1954: The world's first atomic power station opened in the "Science City" of Obninsk, near Moscow

2023: Riots broke out across France after a youth of North African descent was shot dead by police

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## Today in History

June 28, 1914

▲ Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife were assassinated by a Serb nationalist in Sarajevo, an event that triggered World War I

1935: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered a federal gold vault to be built at Fort Knox

1939: Pan American Airways inaugurated a regular transatlantic air service

1967: Worshippers were permitted to return to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem after the Six-Day War

1995: Madhya Pradesh in India was designated as the "Tiger State" to protect the animal from poachers

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## Today in History

June 29, 1880

▲ The Pacific island of Otaheite, now better known as Tahiti, was formally annexed by France, having been a French protectorate since 1842

1949: The South African government suspended the automatic granting of citizenship for immigrants

1956: American playwright Arthur Miller married glamorous movie star Marilyn Monroe

1974: Isabel Peron was sworn in as President of Argentina, replacing her ailing husband Juan Peron

1997: Over 80,000 racing pigeons died after a storm disrupted a five-hour race from France to Britain

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