



# Today in History

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▲ **Russia halted the Black Sea grain deal, the UN-brokered initiative that enabled the export of 32m tonnes of Ukrainian grain to alleviate a global food crisis**

**1959:** Billie Holiday, one of the world's most influential jazz singers, died after years of drug abuse

**1969:** Spanish dictator General Franco named Prince Juan Carlos as his eventual successor as head of state

**1998:** The remains of Russia's last Tsar Nicholas II, murdered by Bolsheviks in 1918, were reinterred in St Petersburg

**2014:** Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 was shot down over Ukraine by a Russian surface-to-air missile