



Today in History

August 6, 1945

▲ The Japanese city of Hiroshima was obliterated by the first use of an atomic bomb in warfare. The blast and subsequent firestorm killed up to 80,000 people

1824: Simon Bolivar and Colombian patriots decisively defeated the Spanish cavalry at the Battle of Junin

2014: The ESA spacecraft Rosetta became the first man-made object to orbit a comet

2014: The U.S. and the EU imposed further sanctions on Russia, targeting banking, defence and energy sectors

2015: Egypt inaugurated a new 35km channel of the Suez Canal, roughly doubling the canal's capacity