



Today in History

August 9, 1999

▲ **Former KGB officer Vladimir Putin was named acting prime minister of Russia after President Boris Yeltsin sacked his fourth premier in 17 months**

1969: Actress Sharon Tate was brutally murdered by followers of cult leader Charles Manson

2004: The world's deepest vertical drop, 516m deep, was found in a cave in Croatia's Velebit mountains

2014: An unarmed black teenager was shot dead by police in the U.S., sparking outrage across the country

2023: Ecuadorian presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio was assassinated