



Today in History

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▲ **Former Indian prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who played a key role in transforming India into a global nuclear power, died at the age of 93**

1974: Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces declared a ceasefire, leaving around one-third of Cyprus in Turkish hands

1989: A solar flare created a geomagnetic storm strong enough to halt trading on Toronto's stock market

1999: Russia's parliament approved the nomination of Vladimir Putin as the country's new prime minister

2004: Prince Hans-Adam handed responsibility for governing the tiny state of Liechtenstein to his eldest son