

GN46175 On this day in history Week36 September 1-7



Today in History

September 1, 1939

▲ Germany invaded Poland, heralding the start of World War Two. Great Britain and France declared war on Germany two days later

1854: German composer Engelbert Humperdinck was born. His best known works are his fairy-tale operas Hansel and Gretel and Die KönigsKinder

1969: Colonel...

a military co...
2004: Cheche...
1,300 hostage...
Russian town...

2014: Kurdis...
flooded into...
seized vast...

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Today in History

September 2, 31 BC

▲ Augustus Caesar defeated the naval forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra at the Battle of Actium, the victory making Augustus the master of the Roman world

2004: Malaysia's former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim was released from jail

2013: The eastern coast...



Today in History

September 3, 2004

▲ Russia's school hostage crisis in Beslan ended tragically when 330 people, over half of them children, died in bomb explosions or fierce gunbattles

1950: Nino Farina won the first ever Formula One world championship at the Monza GP, driving an Alfa Romeo 158

1994: Russian...



Today in History

September 4, 1964

▲ The Forth Road Bridge in Scotland, with a centre span of 3,300ft (1,006m), was opened, connecting the capital city of Edinburgh with Fife to the north

1929: The BBC began carrying out experimental television broadcasts

1944: British and Canadian troops liberated the Belgian cities of

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Today in History

September 5, 1698

▲ Tsar Peter the Great of Russia imposed a tax on beards as part of an effort to modernise Russian society along western European models

1774: The first Continental Congress of the 13 American colonies met at Philadelphia

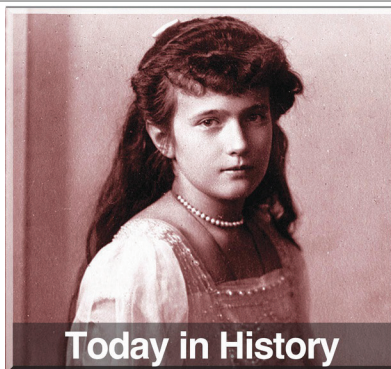
1991: The constitution of the Soviet Union was virtually abolished

1995: France's underground nuclear test on Mururoa Atoll provoked worldwide condemnation

2018: Britain charged two Russian nationals over the novichok poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in Salisbury in March 2018

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Today in History

September 6, 1944

▲ It was confirmed that Anastasia, youngest daughter of Russia's last Tsar, Nicholas II, died with her family in 1918 despite years of speculation that she survived

1991: Leningrad, Russia's second largest city, reverted to its original name of Saint Petersburg

1997: The funeral of Princess Diana was watched by 2.5 billion TV viewers around the world

2006: Celebrations erupted in Japan as the Imperial family welcomed the first male baby for 41 years

2016: The Syrian government was suspected of using chlorine bombs on a residential area of Aleppo

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Today in History

September 7, 1949

▲ Mexican artist Jose Clemente Orozco died. One of the greatest mural painters of the 20th century, his works adorn many buildings in Mexico and the United States

1914: James Alfred Van Allen, U.S. physicist who discovered the two zones of radiation encircling the earth to which he gave his name, was born

1994: The U.S. Army formally left Berlin, ending the U.S. presence there after nearly 50 years

2009: Drivers in Samoa switched to driving on the left hand side of the road

2023: Storm Daniel unleashed four days of cataclysmic rain in central Greece, causing major damage

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