



Today in History

October 7, 2023

▲ Israel declared a state of war after Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups launched attacks from the Gaza Strip, killing 1,200 Israelis and seizing 250 hostages

1949: The German Democratic Republic, commonly known as East Germany, with its capital in the Soviet sector of Berlin, was proclaimed

1959: The Soviet Lunik III relayed the first pictures of the far side of the moon

2009: A vast new ring was identified around Saturn

2023: Two earthquakes left more than 2,000 people dead in Herat, in western Afghanistan