



Today in History

December 27, 537

▲ Istanbul's famous Hagia Sophia was inaugurated. It has been a Greek Orthodox cathedral, then a mosque, a museum, and in 2020 it became a mosque again

1922: Japan commissioned the world's first purpose built aircraft carrier

1949: Indonesia became legally independent from the Netherlands

1969: Libya, Sudan and Egypt (then known as the United Arab Republic), formed a military, political and economic alliance

2023: Jacques Delors, who played a key role in creating the single market, the euro and the modern European Union, died at age 98