

Today In History – January 22

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Today in History in 1968 Apollo 5 lifts off, carrying the first lunar module into space; and in 1984 the Apple Macintosh computer is introduced.

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January 22 is the 22nd day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 343 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

565 – Eutychius is deposed as Patriarch of Constantinople by John Scholasticus.

1462 – The Portuguese reach Sao Vicente, Cape Verde.

1506 – The first contingent of 150 Swiss Guards arrive in Vatican City.

1517 – The Ottoman Empire under Selim I defeats the Mamluk Sultanate and captures the area that is now Egypt in the Battle of Ridaniya.

1521 – Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor opens the Diet of Worms.

1555 – The Ava Kingdom falls to the Taungoo Dynasty in what is now present–day Burma.

1689 – The Convention Parliament convenes on whether James II of England/James VII of Scotland abandoned the thrones of England, Scotland and Ireland when he fled to France in 1688.

1771 – Spain gives Port Egmont in the Falkland Islands to England.

1824 – The Ashantis defeat British forces in the Gold Coast, present–day Ghana.

1840 – British colonists reach New Zealand.

1849 – Second Anglo-Sikh War: The Siege of Multan ends after nine months when the last defenders of Multan, Punjab, surrender.

1863 – The January Uprising begins the Poland, Lithuania and Belarus against Russian rule.

1873 – The British clipper Northfleet collides with Spanish steamship Murillo off Kent, killing 293 people.

1879 – Anglo-Zulu War: In the Battle of Rorke's Drift, 139 British soldiers successfully defend their garrison against an onslaught by 3 to 4,000 Zulu warriors. On the same day, Zulu warriors defeat British troops at the Battle of Isandlwana.

1890 – The United Mine Workers of America trade union is founded in Columbus, Ohio.

1899 – Leaders of six Australian colonies meet in Melbourne to discuss uniting.

1901 – Edward VII becomes King after Queen Victoria, dies. Her death ends the Victorian era, having reigned longer than any British monarch before her.

1905 – Bloody Sunday in Saint Petersburg: Start of the 1905 Revolution in Russia.

1906 – The ship SS Valencia runs aground on Vancouver Island, killing more than 130 people.

1915 – Over 600 people are killed in Guadalajara, Mexico, when their train plunges off the tracks into a canyon.

1917 – World War I: US President Woodrow Wilson calls for "peace without victory" in Europe.

1924 – Ramsay MacDonald becomes Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He is the first Prime Minister from the Labour Party.

1927 – Teddy Wakelam gives his first live video commentary of a football match anywhere in the world, between Arsenal FC and Sheffield United.

1931 – Sir Isaac Isaacs sworn in as the first Australian–born Governor-General of Australia.

1941 – World War II: British and Commonwealth forces capture Tobruk in Libya from the Italians in Operation Bypass.

1944 – World War II: Allies begin Operation Shingle (an attack on Anzio, Italy).

1946 – The "Central Intelligence Group" is created. It is a forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1953 – The Crucible, a play by Arthur Miller, starts on Broadway.

1957 – Israel leaves the Sinai Peninsula.

1959 – The Knox Mine Disaster occurs in Patston City, Pennsylvania kills 12 people, as water breaches the mine.

1962 – The Organization of American States (OAS) makes Cuba no longer a member.

1963 – The Elysee Treaty of cooperation between France and the Federal Republic of Germany is signed by French President Charles de Gaulle and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

1968 – Apollo 5 lifts off, carrying the first lunar module into space.

1969 – A gunman attempts to kill Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

1970 – The world's first jumbo jet, a Boeing 747, enters commercial service for the first time, flying from New York

City to London.

1971 – The Singapore Declaration, an important part of the treaty of the Commonwealth of Nations.

1973 – A Boeing 737 of the Royal Jordanian Airline explodes at Kano Airport in northern Nigeria, killing 176 people.

1973 – George Foreman defeats Joe Frazier to win the World Heavyweight Boxing champion.

1973 – The Supreme Court of the United States shows its decision in Roe vs. Wade, stopping laws that limit abortion during the first six months of being pregnant.

1980 – Andrei Sakharov is arrested in Moscow.

1984 – The Apple Macintosh computer is introduced.

1987 – Pennsylvania politician R. Budd Dwyer shoots and kills himself during a live press conference.

1987 – Philippine Security forces open fire on a crowd of 10,000 to 15,000 demonstrators in Manila, killing 13 people.

1991 – Gulf War: Three SCUDs and one patriot missile hit Ramat Gan, Israel, killing 96 people.

2003 – The Netherlands vote for a new parliament after the one before had only been into power for 86 days.

2006 – Anibal Cavaco Silva is elected President of Portugal.

2006 – Evo Morales becomes President of Bolivia.

2006 – Russia uncovers that the UK spied through a device disguised as a rock.

2007 – More than 88 people are killed in two car bombings in Baghdad.

2015 – After Houthi rebels seize the Presidential palace in the capital, Sana'a, Yemen's President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi resigns following months of unrest.

2018 – Former footballer George Weah becomes President of Liberia.