

Today In History – October 25

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The On This Day In History archives at “Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia” contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

October 25 is the 298th day of the year (299th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 67 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

1147 - Portuguese forces under Afonso I of Portugal, and crusaders from England and Flanders, conquer Lisbon after a four-month siege.

1154 - Henry II of England becomes King.

1415 - The army of Henry V of England defeats a French army at the Battle of Agincourt.

1616 – Dirk Hartog makes the second-recorded European landing in Australia, on Dirk Hartog Island, off the west coast.

1671 - Giovanni Domenico Cassini discovers Saturn's moon Iapetus.

1722 - King Louis XV of France, aged 12, is crowned in Reims Cathedral.

1747 - A British fleet under Admiral Sir Edward Hawke defeats the French at the Second Battle of Cape Finisterre.

1760 - George III of the United Kingdom becomes King, after the death of his grandfather, King George II of Great Britain.

1788 – The HMAV Bounty reaches Tahiti.

1812 - War of 1812: American frigate USS United States, commanded by Stephen Decatur, captures the British frigate HMS Macedonian.

1822 - Greek War of Independence: The First Siege of Missolonghi begins.

1828 - The St. Catherine Docks open in London.

1854 - Crimean War: Battle of Balaklava, including the British Charge of the Light Brigade.

1861 - The Toronto Stock Exchange is created.

1900 - The United Kingdom annexes Transvaal.

1917 - Julian calendar date of Russia's October Revolution. In the Gregorian calendar, the date was November 7.

1918 - Canadian steamship Princess Sophia hits a reef off Alaska and sinks, killing all 356 people on board.

1927 - Italian luxury steamship Principessa Mafalda hits a rock off Porto Seguro, Brazil, and sinks, killing 312 people.

1929 - Wall Street Crash: The severe losses of the previous day continue.

1940 - Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. is named the first African American general of the United States Army.

1941 - World War II: The Romanian Army liberates Carei, the last Romanian city under Nazi-Hungarian control.

1944 - World War II: The Battle of Leyte Gulf occurs in the Philippines.

1945 – The Republic of China takes over Taiwan.

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1962 - Nelson Mandela is sentenced to five years in prison.

1962 – Uganda joins the UN.

1971 – At the UN, the People's Republic of China joins, as the Republic of China is expelled.

1979 - Catalonia and the Basque Country gain some autonomy (self-rule) within Spain.

1979 – The last new episode of Fawlty Towers airs.

1983 – The US and its Caribbean allies invade Grenada, six days after its Prime Minister Maurice Bishop is killed in a coup.

1990 - Kazakhstan declares independence from the Soviet Union

1991 - Four months after the Ten-Day War, the last soldier of the Yugoslav People's Army leaves the territory of the Republic of Slovenia.

1995 - A commuter train slams into a school bus in Fox River Grove, Illinois, killing 7 students.

1995 - Latvia applies to join the EU.

1997 - Denis Sassou-Nguesso proclaims himself President of the Republic of the Congo.

2001 - Microsoft releases Windows XP.

2004 - In Cuba, Fidel Castro announces that transactions in the country that involve the United States Dollar will be banned.

2007 - Singapore Airlines carry out the first passenger flight of an Airbus A380.

2009 - Bombings in Baghdad kill 155 people.

2010 – A magnitude 7.7 earthquake off the west coast of Sumatra causes tsunamis, which kill over 400 people, and leave many more missing.

2019 - The European Union agrees to extend the United Kingdom's Brexit deadline beyond October 31.

2019 - A beetle species discovered in 1965 is named after climate change activist Greta Thunberg, being given the name Nelloptodes gretae.