



Today in History

August 24, 1994

▲ **Thousands of Cubans took to the sea in rickety boats or rafts, desperate to reach Florida before the ending of automatic political asylum for Cuban emigrants**

1516: Sultan Selim I defeated the Mameluke army near Aleppo, securing Syria for the Ottoman Empire

1990: Irish hostage **Brian Keenan** was freed by his captors in west Beirut after 52 months in captivity

2004: Chechen suicide bombers destroyed two Russian airliners on flights out of Moscow, killing 90 people

2011: **Steve Jobs** resigned as chief executive officer of Apple due to pancreatic cancer