



Today in History

February 24, 1304

▲ **Celebrated Arab traveller Ibn Battuta was born in Tangier, Morocco. Over 30 years, he visited most of the known Islamic world as well as many non-Muslim lands**

1389: King Albert of Sweden was captured in battle by the Danes

1987: Astronomers detected light from a star that collapsed 160,000 years ago, designating it supernova SN1987A

1997: The funeral of Deng Xiaoping, reformist leader of China after Mao Zedong, was televised nationwide

2011: President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria lifted a state of emergency that had been in force for 19 years