



## Today in History

*December 17, 1949*

▲ **Ahmed Sukarno was elected as the first president of a federal republic of Indonesia as the four-year war of independence against the Netherlands neared its end**

**1819:** The newly-formed Republic of Colombia joined with Venezuela and Ecuador to form "Greater Colombia"

**1865: Franz Schubert's Unfinished Symphony was first performed**

**2007:** Russia delivered its first shipment of nuclear fuel to the Bushehr nuclear reactor in Iran

**2010: Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi set fire to himself in protest at official harassment. His act sparked the Arab Spring**