



Today in History

April 22, 1915

▲ German troops launched the first major gas attack of World War One when they released clouds of chlorine on British troops at the Second Battle of Ypres

1500: Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral came ashore in Brazil

1870: Vladimir Lenin, key leader of the Russian Revolution and later the first Soviet head of state, was born

1984: Scientists announced they had isolated the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the body's immune system

1985: The trial opened in Argentina of nine former leaders of the military junta, including Jorge Videla and Leopoldo Galtieri