



Today in History

January 17, 1991

▲ The U.S. launched air raids on Baghdad at midnight, signalling the commencement of Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation

1871: A U.S. patent was issued for an “endless wire rope way”, later used for the world’s first public cable car

1966: A U.S. B-52 collided with a tanker over Spain, killing eight and releasing its H-bomb into the ocean

1996: In Norway, four men were jailed for stealing Edvard Munch’s famous painting, *The Scream*, in 1994

2011: In the wake of protests in Tunisia, a man set himself on fire outside parliament in Cairo, Egypt