



Today in History

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▲ After more than 50 years of struggle, the Republic of South Sudan declared its independence, becoming Africa's 54th state and the world's newest nation

1816: Argentina declared independence from Spain

1984: Lightning struck York Minster and set the roof on fire, destroying the south transept

1991: The International Olympic Committee lifted a 21-year-old boycott on South Africa

2001: A Chilean court ruled that General Augusto Pinochet should be spared trial on charges of human rights violations, due to poor health