



# Today in History

*August 6, 2015*

▲ Egypt inaugurated a new 35km channel of the Suez Canal, roughly doubling the canal's capacity. The new channel flanked the existing, 145-year-old waterway

**1538:** Bogotá, now capital of Colombia, was founded by Spanish conquistador Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada

**1806:** The Holy Roman Empire ceased to exist when Francis II renounced the crown

**1991:** The world's first website went on line; info.cern.ch running on a NeXT computer at CERN in Switzerland

**1996:** Scientists revealed they had found evidence of life on Mars in a meteorite discovered in Antarctica