



## Today in History

*October 4, 1976*

▲ The United States reinstated the death penalty, since when over 1,400 people have been executed, more than half in the three states of Texas, Oklahoma and Virginia

**1993:** Russian troops crushed a hardline rebellion against Boris Yeltsin, led by vice-president Alexander Rutskoi

**1996:** A volcano beneath Europe's largest ice sheet erupted in Iceland

**2010:** The world's oldest known high altitude human settlement, estimated at around 49,000 years old, was found in Papua New Guinea

**2015:** So-called Islamic State destroyed the 2,000-year-old Roman era Triumphal Arch in Palmyra