



## Today in History

*October 8, 1996*

▲ **Palestinian President Yasser Arafat made his first public visit to Israel for talks with President Ezer Weizman at his private residence in Caesarea**

**1871:** The Great Fire of Chicago broke out. The blaze killed at least 300 people and left 90,000 homeless

**1981:** Divers recovered 431 gold bars, worth \$83m, from the wreck of a British cruiser sunk by a U-boat in the Barents Sea in 1942

**2009:** A study revealed that one in four people in the world was Muslim

**2014:** The first person diagnosed in the U.S. with Ebola died in Texas. He had recently returned from Liberia