



## Today in History

*November 18, 2015*

▲ **New Zealand rugby star Jonah Lomu, who revolutionised his sport with a blistering combination of size and speed, died at age 40 from a rare kidney condition**

**1626:** St Peter's Church in Rome was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII

**1916:** The WWI Battle of the Somme, which claimed over one million casualties, ended after five months

**1936:** Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, fascist leaders of Germany and Italy, recognised General Francisco Franco's provisional government in Spain

**1991:** Terry Waite, the last British hostage in Lebanon, was freed after 1,763 days in captivity