



Today in History

June 30, 1997

▲ The ceremonial handover of Hong Kong from the UK to China marked the official transfer of sovereignty after 156 years of British colonial rule

1994: The International Earth Rotation Service in Paris advanced atomic clocks by one second

1997: A massive volcanic eruption buried much of the Caribbean island of Montserrat in ash

2010: Rio de Janeiro's iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer was unveiled after a \$4 million restoration

2014: The militant group ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant) changed its name to Islamic State