



# Today in History

*July 3, 1988*

▲ **The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge was completed in Istanbul, Turkey, providing a second crossing between Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus**

**1962:** Following a referendum, France declared the independence of Algeria

**1990:** Anatoli Grishchenko, the pilot who dumped tonnes of sand to seal the crippled nuclear plant at Chernobyl, died of leukaemia

**2004:** Tennis player Maria Sharapova, aged 17, beat defending champion Serena Williams to win Wimbledon

**2015:** The Solar Impulse flew from Japan to Hawaii, the longest ever solo flight without refuelling