



Today in History

December 26, 2003

▲ **A devastating earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam killed over 26,000 people and destroyed the 2,000-year-old citadel, the world's largest mud-brick structure**

1489: The Catholic Monarchs of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, took control of Almeria from Muslim rule

1922: Lenin finished dictating what became known as "Lenin's Testament", in which he criticised Stalin and Trotsky

1957: Charles Pathé, French creator of the popular cinema newsreel, died

2002: Brazil sent an emergency supply of 520,000 barrels of gasoline to Venezuela during a national strike