



# Today in History

*October 4, 2015*

▲ **Islamic State fighters destroyed the 2,000-year-old Roman era Triumphal Arch in Palmyra. They had already blown up two temples at the World Heritage Site**

**1853:** The Crimean War began when Russia refused to withdraw from Moldavia and Wallachia (now Romania)

**1952:** The first external heart pacemaker, to control the body's heartbeat, was fitted

**1993:** Russian troops crushed a hardline rebellion against Boris Yeltsin, led by vice-president Alexander Rutskoi

**2010:** A human settlement estimated to be 49,000 years old was found in Papua New Guinea