



## Today in History

*January 16, 1979*

▲ The Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, was forced into exile in a revolution that ushered in an Islamic republic led by Ayatollah Khomeini

**1872:** The Orient Express steamed into Istanbul, becoming the first train to link Turkey with Europe

**1969:** Czech student Jan Palach burned himself to death over the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia

**2001:** The Ecuadorian oil tanker Jessica ran aground off the Galapagos Islands, threatening the unique wildlife

**2016:** Crippling economic sanctions on Iran were lifted after the 2015 nuclear deal