



## Today in History

*February 16, 1959*

▲ **Fidel Castro was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after heading up a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile**

**1984:** Iran said it had broken through Iraqi defences at the start of a “massive offensive” and claimed to have killed or wounded 1,200 Iraqi soldiers in the first 11 hours of fighting

**1994:** A prototype European Union police force, Europol, was launched

**2005:** The Kyoto Protocol came into force, obliging 55 industrialised nations to cut greenhouse gas emissions

**2009:** Sharia law was implemented in Pakistan’s Swat valley