

A mosaic of Emperor Constantine, wearing a crown and a patterned robe, with a halo around his head. He is holding a model of the city of Constantinople in his right hand. The background is gold with some faint circular motifs.

Today in History

May 11, 330

▲ **Emperor Constantine dedicated Constantinople as the new capital of the Roman Empire. Now called Istanbul, it was built over the ancient Greek city of Byzantium**

1949: Siam changed its name to Thailand for the second time. It was first used in 1939 but reverted in 1945

1949: Israel was admitted to the United Nations

2004: An Islamic website posted a video showing the beheading of U.S. businessman Nick Berg by al-Qaeda

2014: Referendums in the eastern Ukrainian provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk produced an overwhelming vote in favour of self-rule