



Today in History

May 26, 1940

▲ **Operation Dynamo began as hundreds of ships set sail from Britain to evacuate around 400,000 Allied troops trapped by the Germans at Dunkirk in France**

1805: Napoleon crowned himself King of Italy in Milan Cathedral

1971: The TU-144, a Soviet version of Concorde, was shown at the Paris Air Show. It entered service in 1977 but was grounded after 55 flights

2017: Construction of the European Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) began in northern Chile

2019: Prem Tinsulanonda, Thailand's former prime minister and royal confidante, died aged 98