



## Today in History

*August 17, 1945*

▲ **Dr Sukarno declared Indonesia independent from the Netherlands. Appointed president, he led efforts to resist Dutch re-colonization after World War II**

**1945:** George Orwell's satirical novel *Animal Farm* was published

**1970:** *Venera 7*, the first spacecraft to land successfully on the surface of another planet, was launched. It landed on Venus in December

**2015:** Khaled al-Asaad, Syrian archaeologist and head of antiquities at Palmyra, was beheaded by ISIS

**2017:** A van ploughed into tourists on Las Ramblas in Barcelona, killing 14 people and injuring at least 130