



# Today in History

*August 26, 2016*

▲ **The Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge, the world's tallest suspension bridge, was opened to traffic in Istanbul. It is the city's third bridge across the Bosphorus**

**1856:** William Henry Perkin applied for a British patent for the invention of aniline dye, the first synthetic dye

**1996:** Chun Doo Hwan, former South Korean president, was sentenced to death for masterminding a coup

**2001:** Australia refused to accept 400 refugees rescued by a Norwegian ship from a crippled Indonesian ferry

**2011:** Protesters in Syria defied the security crackdown and called on President Bashar al-Assad to resign