



Today in History

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▲ A new library in Egypt, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, was opened on the site of the fabled original destroyed by fire in the fourth century AD

1978: Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland became Pope John Paul II. He was the first non-Italian pope for 456 years

1996: Over 75 people were crushed to death at a World Cup qualifying match in Guatemala

2006: U.S. and Russian scientists discovered a new chemical element with the atomic number 118

2016: France began clearing the Jungle, a makeshift camp at Calais housing around 8,000 migrants