



Today in History

December 15, 2001

▲ **The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened to visitors after 11 years of delicate engineering work to reduce its tilt and prevent it from toppling over**

1916: French forces launched the final counterattack of the Battle of Verdun during World War I. The 10-month battle cost more than 250,000 lives

1961: Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death

2006: Saudi Arabia announced plans to build a separation barrier along the Iraq border to keep out extremists

2011: Former French President Jacques Chirac was given a suspended jail sentence