



Today in History

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▲ **North Korean leader Kim Jong-il died from a heart attack, leaving his son, Kim Jong-un, to ensure the stability of the impoverished, nuclear-armed state**

1971: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto became prime minister of a Pakistan demoralized after losing a bitter war with India

1986: The world's first heart, lung and liver transplant was carried out

2001: The U.S. Embassy reopened in the Afghan capital, Kabul, for the first time since 1989

2010: A Tunisian street vendor set fire to himself in protest at official harassment. It triggered a revolution in Tunisia and the wider Arab Spring