



## Today in History

*December 27, 2016*

▲ **Carrie Fisher, best known as Princess Leia in Star Wars, died aged 60. Her mother, Singin' in the Rain star Debbie Reynolds, died one day later, aged 84**

**1956:** A UN fleet began the clearance operation after the Suez Crisis between Egypt and Israel, Britain and France

**1966:** **The Cave of Swallows, the world's largest known cave shaft, was discovered in Mexico**

**1978:** Spain became a democracy after more than 40 years of fascist dictatorship under General Franco

**1996:** **Rwanda's first genocide trial, for the slaughter in 1994 of some 800,000 Tutsis, began**