



Today in History

April 17, 1989

▲ **Thousands of Chinese students marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing, calling for democracy following the death of purged liberal reformer Hu Yaobang**

1492: Christopher Columbus was commissioned by the Spanish monarchs to seek a passage to Asia

1984: British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead by a gunman inside the Libyan Embassy in London

2004: Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi, head of the militant group Hamas, was killed in a targeted Israeli missile strike in Gaza

2014: The first Earth-size planet was discovered in the habitable zone of another star