



# Today in History

*October 17, 2023*

▲ An explosion at the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza killed hundreds of people. Hamas blamed an Israeli airstrike, and Israel blamed a misfiring Palestinian rocket

**1854:** The siege of Sevastopol began, at which 60,000 troops besieged the main Russian naval base for 11 months

**1989:** The worst earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay area since 1906 killed 67 people

**1994:** The Angolan government and UNITA rebels reached agreement in principle to end nearly 20 years of civil war

**1994:** Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to visit Russia