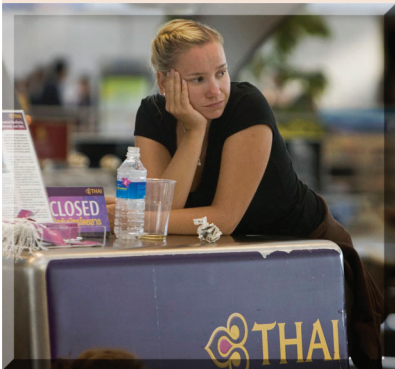


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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Anti-government protesters in Thailand closed down Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, leaving thousands of passengers stranded**

1844: Motoring pioneer Karl Friedrich Benz, an engineer who built one of the earliest petrol-driven engines, was born

1975: Suriname gained independence from the Netherlands

1997: Malawi's former leader, Kamuzu Banda, died at the age of 99

2008: The UK introduced mandatory identity cards for some foreign nationals, a first step in a nationwide scheme to tackle illegal immigration, terrorism and identity fraud