

Tuesday, January 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1628:** French lawyer Charles Perrault, author of well-loved fairy tales such as *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Cinderella*, was born

1773: America's first public museum was established in Charleston, South Carolina

1950: The Soviet Union re-introduced the death penalty for treason, espionage and sabotage

1990: Romania became the first East European state and Warsaw Pact member to outlaw the Communist Party

2009: An Indonesian ferry, the MV *Teratai Prima*, capsized and sank off Sulawesi, killing over 230 people