

**Friday, January 29**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1635: The Academie Francaise was founded by Cardinal Richelieu, chief minister to King Louis XIII**

**1820:** Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle, ending a 60-year reign that witnessed both the American and French Revolutions

**1886:** German engineer Karl Benz patented the first practical petrol-driven motor car

**1995:** Peru launched a major offensive against Ecuador over a disputed stretch of border in the Andes

**2009:** Unemployment in Germany rose to 3.27 million (7.8 percent) as the global financial crisis worsened