

Saturday, March 27

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1998: Legendary German car designer Ferdinand Porsche died, aged 88, at his farm in Austria**

1809: Baron Georges-Eugene Haussmann, who replanned Paris during the Second Empire, was born

1968: The world's first spaceman, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, was killed in a plane crash near Moscow

1994: The Eurofighter aircraft, a joint collaboration between Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain, made its first successful test flight in Germany

2009: A dam burst on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, killing at least 58 people