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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1823:** Charles Macintosh patented the waterproof cloth he was to use for making raincoats

1925: The Geneva Protocol, banning the use of poisonous gases in war, was signed by 29 countries

1944: Iceland gained independence following a referendum on disengaging from Denmark's rule

1982: General Leopoldo Galtieri resigned as president of Argentina following defeat in the Falklands War

2009: Peru's government revoked land laws that resulted in deadly clashes with indigenous protesters in the Amazon