Tuesday, August 10

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1675: King Charles II laid the foundation stone of London's Royal Observatory, to improve knowledge of the stars and thus aid navigation

1787: Mozart completed his popular Fine Kleine Nachtmusik

1809: Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain

1921: Future U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio while at his summer home at Campobello

2009: Venezuela's President Chavez accused Colombia of carrying out a military incursion into Venezuela and warned that "the winds of war were beginning to blow" across the region