

Thursday, September 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1620:** The Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth, England, aboard the *Mayflower* to establish the first permanent colony in North America

1498: Spanish Inquisitor Tomas de Torquemada, whose name became a byword for extreme cruelty, died

1908: U.S. motor manufacturing giant General Motors was formed by the merger of the Buick and Oldsmobile companies

1975: Papua New Guinea achieved full independence from Australia

2009: Venezuela and China agreed a \$16bn oil exploration deal allowing China to drill in the Orinoco basin