

Thursday, March 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1938: Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev, one of the greatest ballet stars of the 20th century, was born

1649: Oliver Cromwell declared England to be a Commonwealth and abolished the monarchy

1834: German engineer Gottlieb Daimler, who founded the Daimler Automobile Company, was born

1993: France announced plans to disband its army's 100-year-old carrier pigeon unit

2010: A controversial mega-dam on the Mekong River in Laos began to generate electricity, most of which was to be exported to Thailand