

Tuesday, March 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Ireland, renowned for its pub culture, became the first country in the world to impose a nationwide ban on smoking in public places, including pubs, bars and restaurants

1827: More than 10,000 mourners turned up to composer Ludwig van Beethoven's funeral in Vienna

1979: Ugandan dictator Idi Amin fled into exile after a reign of terror in which 300,000 people were killed

1981: The London Marathon was staged for the first time

2010: Two female suicide bombers killed 40 people in rush hour blasts at two metro stations in Moscow