



## Today in History

*November 21, 2011*

▲ The interim government of Egypt resigned amid continuing violent protests in which at least 23 people were killed and more than 1,500 wounded

**1694:** French Enlightenment writer and philosopher Voltaire was born in Paris

**1783:** Two Frenchmen made the first successful flight in a hot air balloon, travelling above Paris for 25 minutes

**1843:** British inventor Thomas Hancock patented vulcanised rubber, 8 weeks before Charles Goodyear in the US

**1913:** Tokugawa Keiki, the last of the shoguns, hereditary military commanders who ruled Japan intermittently from 709 to 1868, died