



Today in History

January 29, 1886

▲ **German engineer Karl Benz patented the first successful petrol-driven motor car. It had three rubber-tyred wheels and travelled at 9.3mph**

1635: The Academie Francaise was founded by Cardinal Richelieu. It is still responsible for the regulation of French grammar and literature

1995: Peru launched a major offensive against Ecuador over a disputed stretch of border

1998: For the first time a top tobacco company executive acknowledged the health risk of tobacco products

1999: Serb forces carried out another massacre of civilians in Kosovo