



Today in History

April 12, 1557

▲ The city of Cuenca, in the highlands of Ecuador, was founded by Spanish explorers. The historic centre is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site

1994: Rwanda's Hutu cabinet fled Kigali as Tutsi rebels advanced on the city, triggering an orgy of bloodletting

1996: Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Towers were declared the world's tallest buildings

2002: Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez was toppled in a military coup but returned to power two days later

2008: Norway's King Harald V opened the country's new national opera house in Oslo