



# Today in History

*October 27, 1275*

▲ The city of Amsterdam was traditionally founded, after people living near the Amstel river built a bridge and dam across the river following two major floods

**1990:** EC members, excepting Britain, voted to begin the second stage of economic and monetary union by 1994

**1995:** France set off a third nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific

**2017:** The regional parliament of Catalonia declared unilateral independence from Spain

**2019:** Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, fugitive leader of Islamic State, killed himself in Syria after fleeing from U.S. troops. He detonated a suicide vest