



Today in History

January 3, 2020

▲ Iranian army officer Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Revolutionary Guard's Quds Force, was killed in a targeted U.S. airstrike near Baghdad airport

1521: Martin Luther, German founder of Protestantism, was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church

1918: New Zealand-born scientist Ernest Rutherford announced he had split the atom

1980: British naturalist Joy Adamson, author of *Born Free*, was found murdered in Kenya

2011: Violent protests intensified in Tunisia over unemployment and the high cost of living