



Today in History

August 31, 1823

▲ The Battle of Trocadero saw an invited French army enter Cadiz to put down an uprising by Spanish liberals and restore the king, Ferdinand VII, to absolute rule

1955: The first model of a solar-powered car was publicly demonstrated in Chicago

1957: Malaysia gained independence from Britain as 170 years of colonial rule came to an end

2003: Kenya rescinded a ban, in effect since 1950, on the Mau Mau movement which fought against British colonial rule

2005: Over 960 people were killed in a stampede of Shia pilgrims on a bridge in northern Baghdad