



Today in History

July 31, 1954

▲ **K2, located on the Pakistan and China border and at 8,611 metres the world's second highest peak, was first climbed by an Italian expedition led by Ardito Desio**

1994: F1 driver Jos Verstappen had a miraculous escape when his car burst into flames at the German Grand Prix

1999: NASA deliberately crashed a space probe into the moon, to see if the impact found evidence of water

2004: Iran confirmed that it had resumed building centrifuges for the purpose of enriching uranium

2009: Russia's Gazprom began building a 1,822km pipeline to link Pacific gas fields with Vladivostok