

Monday, October 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Afghanistan held its first presidential election, three years after the overthrow of the extremist Taliban regime

1701: Yale University was founded in New Haven, Connecticut

1963: The Vaiont Dam overflowed in northeast Italy, flooding four villages and killing over 2,000 people

1997: President Yeltsin announced that Russia would sign the Ottawa treaty banning landmines

2005: Up to 2,000 people in Guatemala and elsewhere in Central America were feared dead in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Stan