Thursday, October 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2005: Hurricane Wilma became the most intense Atlantic hurricane on record. Wilma, the fifth Category 5 storm of the season, caused 62 deaths in Mexico. Cuba and Florida

1901: Brazilian aviator Alberto Santos-Dumont piloted an airship around the Eiffel Tower, the trip taking 30 minutes

1915: In World War One Italy and Russia declared war on Bulgaria

1987: British cellist Jacqueline du Pre died of multiple sclerosis aged only 42

2005: The trial began in Baghdad of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, charged with ordering the killing of 143 Shia Muslims in Dujail