

Friday, July 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: BBC correspondent Alan Johnston was released by his kidnappers in the Gaza Strip after 114 days in captivity**

1826: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, 2nd and 3rd U.S. presidents respectively, died on the same day, 50 years to the day since the Declaration of Independence was adopted

1904: Construction of the Panama Canal began

1946: The Philippine Islands were granted independence by the U.S.

2003: Three gunmen attacked a mosque in the western Pakistani city of Quetta, killing 53 people

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