

*Thursday, July 31*

## *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2007:** Operation Banner, the 38-year deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland, ended, marking the conclusion of the peace process and the end of the longest continuous British Army operation in history

**1556:** St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, died in Rome

**1919:** The Weimar Republic was established in post-war Germany

**1926:** Afghanistan and the Soviet Union signed a mutual non-aggression pact

**2007:** Archaeologists discovered the remains of the lost city of Rhakotis in Alexandria's East Bay

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