

Tuesday, August 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1960: Upper Volta, now renamed Burkina Faso, gained independence from France**

1891: American Express cashed the first ever traveller's cheque

1923: Chengara Veetil Devan Nair, president of Singapore from 1981-85, was born

1940: Latvia was formally annexed by the Soviet Union

2006: Turkey began constructing a major dam in the far south-east of the country, despite widespread criticism that the project would flood the ancient city of Hasankeyf and displace thousands of people