

Saturday, August 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1969:** Pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four others were brutally murdered at her California home by followers of Charles Manson

480BC: The Spartans were beaten by the Persians at Thermopylae

1965: Singapore seceded from Malaysia, becoming an independent republic within the Commonwealth

1974: Gerald Ford was sworn in as the 38th U.S. president following the resignation of Richard Nixon

2007: The death toll from flooding in South Asia rose to 2,000, with some 30 million people in India, Nepal and Bangladesh affected by the floods