

Friday, August 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1947:** India gained independence from British rule one day after the country's Muslim-majority areas were carved out into the separate nation-state of Pakistan

1534: St Ignatius of Loyola founded the society of Jesuits in Paris

1843: The Tivoli Pleasure Gardens opened in Copenhagen, Denmark

1960: The Republic of Congo was proclaimed an independent nation

2007: A powerful 8.0 magnitude earthquake struck the southern coast of Peru killing an estimated 540 people and leaving at least 17,000 homeless