

Friday, August 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1991: Boris Yeltsin saluted 100,000 supporters celebrating the collapse of a hardline coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev**

1775: Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of open rebellion

1807: The *Clermont*, the world's first economically viable steamship, completed its maiden voyage

1910: Korea was annexed by Japan after five years as a protectorate

2007: Myanmar's military rulers arrested 13 leading dissidents after protests against massive fuel price rises and falling living standards