

Sunday, August 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2006: Pluto was stripped of its status as a planet, recategorised instead as a “dwarf planet”

410: The Visigoth army, commanded by Alaric, sacked Rome

1516: Sultan Selim I defeated the Mameluke army near Aleppo, securing Syria for the Ottoman Empire

1922: The British mandate for Palestine imposed by the League of Nations was rejected by Arab states

1989: Poland became the first Soviet-bloc country since the late 1940s to appoint a non-communist prime minister