

Thursday, August 28

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Abdullah Gul was sworn in as president of Turkey; the former Foreign Minister was the first politician with an Islamist background to become head of state

1828: Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace*, was born

1850: The Channel telegraph was laid between Dover, England and Cap Gris Nez in France

1954: Two schoolgirls, aged 15 and 16, became the youngest people to be convicted of murder in New Zealand

2006: Felipe Calderon was officially declared the winner of Mexico's disputed presidential election