

Friday, August 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005: Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast. At least 1,800 people died, mostly in New Orleans, 80% of which was flooded after the city's levees failed**

1825: Portugal recognised the independence of Brazil, under Pedro I

1949: The Soviet Union tested its first atomic bomb

1958: Troubled superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana; he marks his 50th birthday today

2007: A Baiji, or Yangtze river dolphin, a species declared functionally extinct earlier in the month, was seen in Anhui, China