

**Friday, September 12**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: Burj Dubai, a skyscraper being built in Dubai, reached 555.3m, surpassing the CN Tower in Toronto as the world's tallest free-standing structure on land**

**1953: Nikita Khrushchev became First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union**

**1968: Albania announced it was withdrawing from the Warsaw Pact**

**1977: South African black civil rights leader Steve Biko died in police detention in Pretoria**

**2007: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced his resignation after just a year in office**