Thursday, September 18

ON THIS DAY

▲ **1981: The French parliament banned capital punishment and abolished the use of the guillotine**

1810: Chile declared independence from Spain

1931: Japanese forces occupied Manchuria, an act of aggression that began the Sino-Japanese War

1988: The military seized power in Burma amid nationwide protests against one-party rule

2007: The Bank of England injected £4.4 billion of liquidity into Britain's financial system after £2 billion of deposits were removed from the Northern Rock bank in three days