

Monday, October 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** French mercenary “Colonel” Bob Denard, who played a part in numerous wars and coups across Africa for 40 years, died aged 78

1821: German scientist and politician Rudolf Virchow, regarded as the founder of modern pathology, was born

1923: Turkey’s Grand National Assembly declared Ankara the new capital of the country

1970: Singer Janis Joplin’s ashes were scattered at sea off the California coast

1992: Thirteen komodo dragons were born in a Washington zoo, the first time any had hatched outside Indonesia