Sunday, November 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1953: Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, founder and first monarch of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, died. He is also the father of all five Saudi kings who have succeeded him

1859: Flogging was prohibited in the British Army

1918: Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicated as the First World War neared its end

1967: The first Saturn V rocket was successfully launched from Florida

2007: At least 40 people were killed in Mogadishu in heavy fighting between Ethiopian forces and Somalian Islamist insurgents