

**Wednesday, January 7**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1989: Emperor Hirohito of Japan died after a 63-year reign**

**1502:** Pope Gregory XIII, who reigned from 1572-85 and is best remembered for his reform of the calendar system, was born in Bologna, Italy

**1895: Korea proclaimed its independence from China**

**1927:** A transatlantic telephone service was introduced between London and New York

**2008:** The war crimes trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor began in The Hague. Taylor pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity