

Wednesday, January 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1972: Queen Margrethe II acceded to the throne of Denmark on the death of her father, Frederick IX**

1742: Astronomer Edmond Halley, who first identified the comet that now bears his name, died at the age of 85

1866: Peru declared war on Spain, dissatisfied with the terms of its independence treaty of 1865

1982: Margaret Thatcher's son Mark was found alive and well after being lost in the Sahara Desert while competing in the Dakar Rally

2008: Taliban fighters attacked the Serena Hotel in the Afghan capital Kabul, resulting in at least six deaths