

Thursday, January 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006: Evo Morales was sworn in as President of Bolivia, becoming its first indigenous head of state**

1666: Shah Jehan, Mogul Emperor of India who built the Taj Mahal, died aged 74, in the fort where he was imprisoned by his son eight years earlier

1788: English romantic poet Lord Byron was born

1966: President Nkrumah of Ghana inaugurated the Volta River hydro-electric scheme

2008: Australian actor Heath Ledger, one of Hollywood's brightest young stars, died from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs