

**Monday, January 26**

# ON THIS DAY



**▲ 2007: UK retail giant Tesco opened its first own-brand supermarket in Beijing, China**

**1784:** Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, saying he would have preferred the turkey

**1802:** The Cisalpine Republic was renamed the Italian Republic with Napoleon Bonaparte as president

**1986:** Yoweri Museveni took power in Uganda after a five-year guerrilla war against former military ruler Tito Okello

**1993:** Václav Havel was elected the first president of the new Czech Republic