

Sunday, March 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Vietnam banned ownership of pet hamsters, which authorities said were a potential source of disease**

1702: King William III of England died at Hampton Court Palace after falling from his horse

1858: Italian composer Ruggiero Leoncavallo was born in Naples

1942: The Burmese capital Rangoon fell to the Japanese after being evacuated by British forces

1989: Martial law was imposed in Lhasa following three days of demonstrations protesting Chinese rule of Tibet