

Wednesday, April 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1913: Swedish engineer Gideon Sundback patented the zip fastener**

1901: Emperor Hirohito of Japan was born

1965: The Australian government announced it had decided to send troops to Vietnam

1980: British-born film director Sir Alfred Hitchcock, whose famous suspense thrillers included *Psycho* and *The Birds*, died at the age of 80

2008: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon established a task force to tackle the world crisis over rising food prices, which had triggered rioting in 37 countries