

**Wednesday, July 8**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: U.S. manufacturer Boeing unveiled its new 787 *Dreamliner* aircraft at its headquarters in Seattle**

**1709:** Charles XII of Sweden was defeated by Peter the Great's Russian army at the Battle of Poltava, crushing Sweden's territorial ambitions

**1918: National Savings stamps first went on sale in Britain**

**1994:** North Korean president Kim Il Sung, the 20th century's longest-ruling dictator, died of a heart attack

**2008: The U.S. and Czech Republic signed an initial agreement to base a U.S. missile defence system in the Czech state, angering Moscow**