

Monday, July 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** The town of Tewkesbury was completely cut off after many parts of southern England recorded a month's rainfall or more in one day

1304: The Italian lyric poet Petrarch was born as Francesco Petrarca

1944: German staff officer Colonel von Stauffenburg tried unsuccessfully to assassinate Hitler

1994: Foreign Minister Shimon Peres became the highest-ranking Israeli official to visit Jordan

2008: Beijing introduced traffic restrictions and factory closures in an effort to reduce air pollution for the upcoming Olympic Games