

**Saturday, August 15**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2008:** Former Maoist rebel leader Prachanda was elected as Nepal's first republican Prime Minister, after the monarchy was abolished in May

**1537:** Juan de Salazar founded Nuestra Senora Santa Maria de la Asuncion, now the capital of Paraguay

**1872:** A by-election in Pontefract was Britain's first election to be held by secret ballot

**1971:** Bahrain became a separate independent state

**2008:** Russia warned that Poland was a legitimate military target after Warsaw announced it had reached a deal on a missile shield with the U.S.