

**Saturday, September 12**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 2007: Burj Dubai, a skyscraper being built in Dubai, reached 555.3m, making it the world's tallest free-standing structure on land**

**1953: Nikita Khrushchev became First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union**

**1968: Albania announced it was withdrawing from the Warsaw Pact**

**1977: South African black civil rights leader Steve Biko died in police detention in Pretoria**

**2008: Bolivia declared martial law in the department of Pando following days of clashes that had claimed a number of lives**