## Thursday, September 17

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 1985: Laura Ashley, Welsh-born designer whose romantic styles and fabrics greatly influenced fashion and home decoration in the 1970s, died following a fall at her home

**1787:** The Constitution of the United States was signed

1809: The Treaty of Fredrikshamm ended the Russo-Swedish war, ceding Finland to Russia

1961: Former Turkish premier Adnan Menderes, overthrown in a 1960 coup, was hanged by the new military rulers

2008: Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni was chosen as the new leader of the Kadima party