

Thursday, October 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: The Communist Party of China began its National Congress in Beijing, to determine policy for the next five years and likely indicate Hu Jintao's successor as president**

1899: The siege of Kimberley began during the second Boer War

1969: Somali President Abdirashid Ali Shermarke was assassinated

1990: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize

2002: Saddam Hussein stood for reelection as president of Iraq; it was later announced that 100 percent of the electorate had voted him in for another seven-year term