

Tuesday, December 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1832:** French engineer Gustave Eiffel, constructor of the famous tower built for the Paris Exhibition of 1889, was born

1654: A meteorological office in Tuscany, Italy, began taking the first daily temperature readings

1916: French forces launched the final counterattack of the Battle of Verdun during World War I

1992: El Salvador's government and leftist guerrilla leaders formally declared an end to the country's 12-year civil war

2008: The death toll from a cholera epidemic sweeping Zimbabwe exceeded 1,000 people