

Thursday, January 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1905: French fashion designer Christian Dior, who revolutionised clothing after World War II, was born**

1790: In France, Dr Joseph Guillotin demonstrated his new execution device, in which a heavy blade dropped from a frame and beheaded the victim

1861: Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate

1991: Iraq threatened to use captured allied airmen as human shields against allied bombing attacks

2009: Toyota overtook General Motors to become the world's largest automaker