

Friday, January 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Australian actor Heath Ledger, one of Hollywood's brightest young stars, died from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs**

1666: Shah Jehan, builder of the Taj Mahal, died in the fort where he had been imprisoned for eight years

1788: English romantic poet Lord Byron was born

1966: President Nkrumah of Ghana inaugurated the Volta River hydro-electric scheme

2009: In one of his first moves since his inauguration President Obama ordered Guantanamo Bay prison camp to be closed within a year