

Sunday, May 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: A ban on South African amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius was overturned, allowing him to compete for a place at the Olympics**

1770: The future Louis XVI of France married Marie Antoinette of Austria at Versailles. Both were guillotined in 1793 during the French Revolution

1881: The first electric tram went into public service near Berlin, Germany

1997: President Mobutu Sese Seko, dictator of Zaire for over 30 years, fled the country as his regime collapsed

2007: Nicolas Sarkozy was inaugurated as President of France at the Elysee Palace