

Thursday, July 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono won a landslide victory in Indonesia's presidential election**

1497: Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama left Lisbon for a voyage on which he discovered the Cape route to India

1889: John L. Sullivan won the last bareknuckle world heavyweight boxing match, in Mississippi

1978: Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler became the first climbers to scale Mount Everest entirely without oxygen

2009: Two strikes by U.S. drones killed up to 50 Taliban militants in South Waziristan, Pakistan