

Sunday, July 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Bakers in the Palestinian city of Nablus created the world's biggest kunafa, a local sweet pastry. It measured 74m and needed 1,700kg of semolina flour, cheese and sugar**

1872: Britain introduced the concept of voting by secret ballot

1936: The Spanish Civil War began in the early hours with an army revolt at Melilla in Spanish Morocco

1971: The six Trucial States united to form the Union of Arab Emirates

2009: A woman was killed when she was hit by a police motorcycle while watching the Tour de France, the race's first fatal accident since 2002