Friday, July 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2009: After four days of violence in northern Nigeria that claimed 700 lives, the leader of the radical Boko Haram Islamist group was captured and shot dead in police custody

1729: The American city of Baltimore was founded

1948: The world's first radar station was opened, to assist shipping at the port of Liverpool, England

1996: *Pravda*, the newspaper founded by Lenin 84 years earlier, was forced to relaunch as a downmarket tabloid

2009: Two policemen were killed by a car bomb in Palma Nova on the Spanish island of Majorca