

Saturday, August 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The MV *Arctic Sea*, a cargo ship missing since late July, was reportedly sighted 400 nautical miles off the Cape Verde islands

1385: The battle of Aljubarrota secured independence for Portugal from Spain

1945: Japan accepted the Allies' terms of unconditional surrender, ending World War Two

1996: South Africa's National Party, the architects of apartheid, moved to the opposition benches for the first time in 48 years

2007: A bridge under construction in China's Hunan Province collapsed completely, killing 64 people