

Friday, August 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Abdelbaset Ali Al-Megrahi, convicted of the Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people, but now himself terminally ill, was freed from a Scottish jail on compassionate grounds and flown home to Libya**

1931: Stainless steel was first cast in Sheffield, England

1955: Hundreds died in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria

1968: Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia

2009: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt smashed his 200m world record for the second successive year, four days after the same feat in the 100m