

Saturday, August 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1959: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union

1942: The Battle of Stalingrad began; it was the bloodiest battle in human history, with casualties of two million

1963: Martial law was declared in South Vietnam

1983: Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated on his return home from a three-year exile

2009: A leak at an offshore oil rig off Australia's northwest coast spilt around 64 tonnes of oil a day into the Timor Sea over a 10 week period