

Thursday, August 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1883:** The massive, two-day eruption of Krakatoa began: it killed some 36,000 in Java and Sumatra

1541: Suleiman I of Turkey captured Buda and annexed Hungary after his dispute with Archduke Ferdinand over claims to the kingdom

1874: Liberia was proclaimed an independent republic

1993: Russian president Boris Yeltsin apologised for the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968

2009: U.S. singer-songwriter Ellie Greenwich, who wrote or co-wrote numerous hits including *Be My Baby* and *Leader of the Pack*, died