

Friday, August 27

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2009: English teenager Michael Perham, aged 17 years, 5 months, became the youngest person to sail solo around the globe

1859: The world's first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania

1928: The Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war

1999: Russia's ageing Mir space station was vacated by its final crew

2009: A suicide bomber killed 18 border guards at a Pakistani security checkpoint on the main border crossing for convoys ferrying NATO supplies into Afghanistan