

**Thursday, September 30**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1980:** Israel took a step back to biblical times with the introduction of the shekel as its currency, replacing the pound

**1791:** Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* was first performed in Vienna

**1882:** Water power was used to generate electricity for the first time

**1988:** Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his 100m Olympic gold medal in Seoul after failing a drug test

**2009:** Alberto Fujimori, Peru's former President, was jailed for six years for corruption. Fujimori was already serving 25 years for crimes including ordering killings by security forces