

Friday, October 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The Justices of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom were sworn in, replacing the Law Lords as the country's highest court of appeal

1795: Belgium was absorbed into the French Republic

1960: The Federation of Nigeria achieved independence within the Commonwealth, and became a federal republic on this day in 1963

1991: The Russian city of Leningrad reverted to the name of St Petersburg

2009: A magnitude 7.6 earthquake and two powerful aftershocks struck the Indonesian island of Sumatra, killing over 1,100 people