

Friday, October 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1806: British forces besieging the French port of Boulogne used rocket propelled missiles for the first time

1871: The Great Fire of Chicago, which killed 300 people, broke out

1915: The Battle of Loos, one of the fiercest of the First World War, ended with virtually no gains for either side

1997: Three years after the death of his father, Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il officially succeeded him as leader of N. Korea

2009: A new study revealed that one in four people were Muslim, with the global Muslim population standing at 1.57 billion, compared to 2.25 billion Christians