

Friday, October 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1582: The Papal states, Spain and Portugal became the first countries to implement the Gregorian Calendar

1899: The siege of Kimberley began during the second Boer War

1969: Somali President Abdirashid Ali Shermarke was assassinated

1970: The West Gate Bridge, under construction over the Yarra River in Melbourne, Australia, collapsed, killing 34 workmen

2009: A six-year-old American boy was thought to have been carried off in a homemade helium balloon; he was later found safe at his home and the incident exposed as a hoax