

Saturday, November 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: British Airways and Spanish airline Iberia reached a preliminary agreement for a merger to create the world's third-largest airline**

1851: A telegraphic service between London and Paris went into operation

1970: Hafez al-Assad seized power in Syria in a bloodless military coup

1985: The Nevado del Ruiz volcano erupted in Colombia, completely burying the town of Armero and killing an estimated 25,000 people

2008: Austrian Josef Fritzl was charged with rape and enslavement over the 24-year incarceration of his daughter in the cellar of his home