

Saturday, December 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: The UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen agreed a draft accord to cap the rise in global temperatures by committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

1737: Antonio Stradivari, history's most renowned violin-maker, died

1916: The attritional 10-month Battle of Verdun ended; almost one million soldiers were killed or wounded

1956: Japan was admitted to the United Nations

2009: The *Arbeit Macht Frei* sign was stolen from Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi death camp. It was recovered by police two days later