

Saturday, January 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1324: Venetian explorer Marco Polo died**

1297: Francois Grimaldi seized the Genoese fortress on the Rock of Monaco, founding the Grimaldi dynasty

1916: The last Allied troops withdrew from Gallipoli after abandoning their disastrous campaign against the Turks during the First World War

1976: Chou En-lai, premier of China since the communists took power in 1949, died in Beijing at age 78

2010: Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying Togo's national football team to the Africa Cup of Nations in Angola, killing three people