

Sunday, January 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The MV *Sirius Star*, the biggest supertanker ever hijacked, was released with its cargo of 2m barrels of oil and all crew unharmed after a \$3m ransom was paid

1816: The safety lamp invented by Sir Humphry Davy was first put to use in a coal mine

1902: New York State introduced a bill to outlaw flirting in public

1960: Construction work began on the Aswan High Dam in Egypt

2005: Sudan's government and southern rebels clinched a historic agreement to end Africa's longest civil war