

# GN34472 OTD Week33 - August 14-20



## Today in History

August 14, 2001

▲ Japan's neighbours protested when premier Junichiro Koizumi visited the Yasukuni shrine honouring its war dead, and seen as a symbol of military aggression

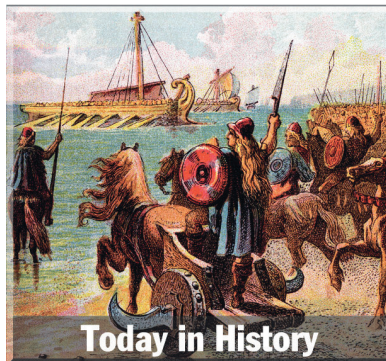
1893: France introduced the first ever motor vehicle registration plates

1986: Riots against President Zia broke out across Pakistan

1996: South Korean architects of the 1988 Seoul Olympics, who were in opposition to the 1988 Seoul Olympics, died at 48 years

2015: The US and South Korea announced a new peace agreement, another easing of tensions between the two nations

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## Today in History

August 15, 54BC

▲ Ten thousand men of the 7th and 10th Roman legions under Julius Caesar landed in southern England, although this initial incursion was unsuccessful

1843: The Tivoli Pleasure Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks, was opened in Copenhagen, Denmark

1916: The Great War, which was



## Today in History

August 16, 2012

▲ Ecuador said it would grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, holed up in its London embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden to face trial

1191: Crusader King Richard I had 2,500 Saracen hostages put to death

1966: The Declaration of Bogota was signed, calling for the people



## Today in History

August 17, 2015

▲ A bomb blast in Bangkok, Thailand, killed 20 people and injured more than 120 others. The bomb exploded at the Erawan Shrine, a popular tourist site

1896: Gold was first found in Canada's Klondike River, precipitating the famous gold rush of 1898

1992: Peter Dinklage was totally shot in the head, he tried to shoot the Wall

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August 18, 2009

▲ Kim Dae-jung, President of South Korea from 1998-2003, died. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his "Sunshine Policy" of engagement with North Korea

1276: Pope Adrian V was poisoned only five weeks after being elected

1572: French princess Margaret of Valois was married to Huguenot king Henry III of Navarre in a bid to reconcile Catholics and Protestants

1868: French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium after observing an unexplained yellow line in the solar spectrum

2003: Ma Li Hua of Singapore toppled a record 303,621 dominoes

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## Today in History

August 19, 1991

▲ Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev was overthrown in a coup by Communist hardliners. The coup failed but soon led to the collapse of the Soviet Union

1979: Former Cambodian dictator Pol Pot was sentenced to death in absentia

1989: Poland became the first country in eastern Europe to end one-party rule

2004: Internet search engine Google was floated on the New York Stock Exchange. The offer price of \$85 shot up 18% on the first day of trading

2015: Europe's migration crisis intensified, with up to 3,000 migrants arriving daily

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## Today in History

August 20, 1913

▲ Stainless steel was first cast in Sheffield, England. Its resistance to corrosion makes it ideal for use in numerous domestic, scientific and industrial applications

636: Khalid ibn al-Walid won control of Syria and Palestine from the Byzantine Empire at the Battle of Yarmouk

1741: Danish explorer Vitus Bering discovered Alaska

1991: The Baltic republic of Estonia, annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940, declared full independence

2013: A former girlfriend of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un was reportedly executed by machine gun for violating pornography laws

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