



Today in History

July 10, 2000

▲ **Bashar al-Assad succeeded his late father as President of Syria. Initially seen as favouring reform, his mass crackdowns on the Arab Spring protesters led to civil war**

1940: The Battle of Britain began during World War II

1985: A crew member died when the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior was sunk by French agents

1995: Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi was unexpectedly released from house arrest

2018: A cave rescue in Thailand successfully extracted 12 boys and their soccer coach, trapped for 17 days after heavy rains