Friday, July 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1789: Citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille at the beginning of the French Revolution, commemorated annually as France's national day

1823: King Kamehameha II of Hawaii and his queen died of measles during a visit to Britain

1881: Outlaw William Bonney, alias "Billy the Kid", was shot dead by Sheriff Pat Garrett in New Mexico

1976: The Chinese-built Tanzam railway, linking Zambia with Tanzania, was completed ahead of schedule

2003: Mexico declared a state of emergency following an outbreak of the virulent West Nile virus