Saturday, July 22

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2005: British police shot dead an unarmed Brazilian, Jean Charles de Menezes, whom they wrongly suspected was linked to the failed bomb attacks of the previous day

1784: German astronomer Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel, who calculated the path of Halley's Comet, was born

1950: King Leopold III returned to Belgium after six years in exile

1999: Chinese authorities outlawed the spiritual sect Falun Gong and detained thousands of its members

2005: Russian pole-vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva became the first woman ever to clear a height of five metres