

Tuesday, August 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** King Fahd of Saudi Arabia died after years of ill health. He was succeeded by his half-brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, de-facto ruler of the country for a decade

1778: The world's first savings bank opened in the German city of Hamburg

1939: Band leader Glenn Miller recorded what would become his signature tune, *In the Mood*

1989: Food prices rose by up to 500 percent after state price controls were abolished in Poland

2005: Sudanese vice-president John Garang was confirmed to have been killed in a helicopter crash