

Saturday, August 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Swarms of locusts invaded the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, after devouring crops in rural areas

1884: The cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York harbour

1913: Suffragettes in England bombed the country homes of several MPs in their ongoing campaign to secure votes for women

1940: Latvia was formally annexed by the Soviet Union

1995: The United States and Vietnam formally established diplomatic ties, declaring an end to decades of enmity