Wednesday, August 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2003: Idi Amin, notorious former dictator of Uganda, died in exile in Saudi Arabia

1899: German chemist Robert Bunsen, inventor of the gas burner which bears his name, died aged 88

1974: Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces declared a ceasefire, leaving one-third of Cyprus in Turkish hands

1995: The people of Bermuda voted to remain a British colony in a referendum delayed for two days by a hurricane

2005: A West Caribbean Airways MD-80 crashed in a remote part of western Venezuela, killing all 160 passengers and crew