

Thursday, August 31

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Over 960 people were killed in a stampede of Shia pilgrims on a bridge in northern Baghdad

1887: Inventor Thomas Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, a device which produced moving pictures

1928: *The Threepenny Opera*, by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, premiered in Berlin

1983: The funeral of murdered Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino took place in Manila

2003: Kenya formally rescinded a ban, in effect since 1950, on the Mau Mau movement which fought against British colonial rule