

**Sunday, September 3**

## *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2004:** The school siege in Beslan, Russia, ended tragically when 330 hostages, over half of them children, died in bomb blasts or gunbattles between Chechen terrorists and Russian security forces

**1939:** Great Britain and France declared war on Germany

**1980:** Zimbabwe and South Africa closed their diplomatic missions in each other's country

**2003:** North Korean leader Kim Jong-il was unanimously reelected for another five-year term, accompanied by orchestrated expressions of euphoria in Pyongyang