

Thursday, April 6

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Prince Rainier of Monaco died, aged 81, having overseen a tourism and development boom in Monaco during his 56-year reign

1453: Turkish forces besieged the Greek-held city of Constantinople, capturing the city on May 29

1868: Emperor Meiji of Japan established the Charter Oath, which abolished feudalism and promised a modern democratic government

1965: The first commercial satellite, *Early Bird I*, was launched

2005: Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, was named President of Iraq by the newly-elected National Assembly