

Thursday, April 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1992:** Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie separated after three decades of marriage

1059: Pope Nicholas II issued a decree declaring that only cardinals would be allowed to elect future popes

1848: Sicily declared its independence from Naples

1906: Irish playwright Samuel Beckett, author of *Waiting for Godot* and *Happy Days*, was born. Today marks the centenary of his birth

2005: Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister Omar Karami resigned after mass protests in the wake of former premier Rafik Hariri's assassination