

**Wednesday, April 26**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Syria formally withdrew the last of its troops from Lebanon, ending a 29-year military presence in the country

**1865:** John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, died in a shootout with Federal troops

**1964:** Tanganyika, Zanzibar and Pemba merged to form the United Republic of Tanzania

**1985:** Leaders of the Warsaw Pact agreed to renew their military alliance for a further 30 years

**1999:** Britain was stunned when popular TV presenter Jill Dando was shot dead outside her London home