

Friday, May 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** British Prime Minister Tony Blair won a third consecutive election victory

1821: Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the island of St Helena

1955: The Federal Republic of Germany, better known as West Germany, became a sovereign state again after the Allied High Commissioners met for the last time

1980: Canadian Cliff Thorburn became the first non-British player to win the world snooker championship

2003: FARC guerrillas executed 10 hostages during a rescue attempt by Colombian troops