

Sunday, November 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1859:** The world's first flying trapeze act was performed in Paris

1840: French sculptor Auguste Rodin, whose works include his masterpiece *Le Penseur*, was born

1968: The United Nations General Assembly voted against the admission of Communist China

1996: All 350 passengers and crew died when a Saudi Arabian 747 and a Kazakh airliner crashed near Delhi in the world's worst mid-air collision

2003: The death penalty was abolished in Turkey, the move being a prerequisite for membership of the European Union