

Thursday, November 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia became Africa's first elected female head of state

1890: Princess Wilhelmina, aged 10, became Queen of the Netherlands

1956: Petrol was rationed in Britain and driving tests were suspended in response to the Suez crisis

1961: The Dominican Republic changed the name of its capital from Ciudad Trujillo to Santo Domingo

1997: Two New Zealand rowers won a transatlantic race in record time, taking 41 days to cover 2,900 miles from Tenerife to Barbados, 600 miles ahead of their nearest competitor