

Sunday, December 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2003:** Italian food-manufacturing giant Parmalat filed for bankruptcy protection

1800: French authorities uncovered a plot to assassinate Napoleon Bonaparte with an “infernal machine”

1924: Albania was proclaimed a republic

1995: The first general election victory by an Islamic party in Turkey’s 72-year secular history took place when the Welfare Party won 21.32% of the vote

2002: A new Metro railway system in Delhi, India, was swamped by over a million people keen to be the first passengers to use the new trains