ON THIS DAY

▲ **2006: A military coup in Thailand ousted Premier Thaksin Shinawatra while he was at the UN in New York**

1888: The world's first international beauty contest was held in Belgium. It was won by Bertha Soucaret, an 18-year-old Creole from Guadeloupe

1961: Jamaica voted to secede from the West Indies Federation

1991: The newly independent republic of Byelorussia changed its name to Belarus

2007: Prominent anti-Syrian lawmaker Antoine Ghanem and seven other people were killed by a car bomb in Beirut

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