

Friday, October 10

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: Malaysia's first astronaut, Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, was launched towards the International Space Station aboard Soyuz TMA-11**

1813: Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi, whose well-loved operas include *Aida*, *Otello*, and *Rigoletto*, was born

1874: The ruling chiefs of Fiji ceded the South Pacific islands to Britain

1985: Two giants of the stage and screen, Orson Welles and Yul Brynner, died on the same day

2007: Police evicted around 65 rebellious ex-nuns who had illegally occupied a convent in Poland for more than two years