

Friday, December 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006: Fiji's military commander, Commodore Frank Bainimarama, announced he had taken control of the country from the government**

1766: London auctioneer James Christie held his first sale

1791: Musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna

1977: Bophuthatswana was created in South Africa as the Tswana tribal homeland

2007: German composer Karlheinz Stockhausen died at the age of 79. During a prolific career he wrote more than 300 works from orchestral pieces to pure electronic music