

Saturday, December 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006: Malaysia crowned its 13th king, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin. The role is largely ceremonial, occupied for five years at a time by each of nine hereditary state rulers**

1642: Dutch navigator Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand

1904: The first electric train came into service on the Metropolitan Underground railway in London

1939: The Battle of the River Plate took place off the coast of South America

1991: North and South Korea signed a non-aggression accord intended to open a new chapter in their often fratricidal relations