

Wednesday, December 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1830: Simon Bolivar**, instrumental in liberating Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru from Spanish rule, died from tuberculosis

1903: The Wright Brothers made the first manned flight in a powered aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

1949: Ahmed Sukarno was elected as the first president of Indonesia as the war of independence against the Netherlands neared its end

1957: The U.S. tested the first Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile

2007: Russia delivered its first shipment of nuclear fuel to the Bushehr nuclear reactor in Iran