

**Tuesday, December 30**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006: Deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was executed at dawn in Baghdad**

**1803:** The United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana from France

**1865:** Rudyard Kipling, author of *The Jungle Book* and *Just So Stories*, was born in Bombay, India

**1947:** King Michael of Romania was forced to abdicate

**2007:** Incumbent President Mwai Kibaki was declared the winner of Kenya's presidential election, despite opposition leader Raila Odinga's claims of victory