

Tuesday, February 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** The National Assembly of People's Power unanimously selected Raul Castro to succeed his brother Fidel as President of Cuba

1304: Celebrated Arab traveller Ibn Battutah was born in Tangier, Morocco

1887: Paris and Brussels became the first two capital cities to be linked by telephone

1966: President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana was overthrown in an army coup

1991: Allied night attacks launched the Gulf War ground campaign after Saddam Hussein defied an ultimatum to withdraw from Kuwait