

Friday, February 27

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Colombian FARC rebels released four former members of Congress, held hostage since 2001 and 2002, in a deal brokered by Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez

274: Roman emperor Constantine the Great was born

1844: The Dominican Republic gained independence from Haiti

1974: A new constitution was approved in Sweden, reducing the status of the monarch to a figurehead

2003: A design by German architect Daniel Libeskind was chosen to replace the destroyed World Trade Centre in New York