

Friday, April 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: France's high-speed TGV train smashed the world record for a train on conventional rails, reaching 574.8km/h (357.2mph)**

1682: Spanish painter Bartolome Esteban Murillo, best known for his populist religious works, died

1922: Russia's Central Committee appointed Joseph Stalin as General Secretary of the Communist Party

1930: Ras Tafari was proclaimed Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia

2008: In Zimbabwe, MDC Secretary-General Tendai Biti said police had begun raiding opposition party offices in an apparent "crackdown"