

**Monday, April 27**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2007: Celebrated Russian cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, noted also for his defiance of Soviet repression, died at the age of 80**

**1828: The London Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park were opened**

**1830: South American revolutionary leader Simon Bolivar abdicated as president of Greater Colombia**

**1972: Kwame Nkrumah, former Ghanaian prime minister and president from 1960, died in Bucharest**

**2007: The death toll in Mogadishu rose to over 1,300 after a prolonged period of the heaviest fighting in the Somali capital for 16 years**