

Friday, May 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1851: Queen Victoria opened the Great Exhibition in the newly-built Crystal Palace in Hyde Park, London**

1786: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* was first performed in Vienna, Austria

1931: The 102-storey Empire State Building in New York, at the time the world's tallest building, was officially opened

1999: A NATO attack on a bridge in Serbia struck a bus crossing it at the time, killing 40 passengers

2003: An earthquake struck the town of Bingol in southeast Turkey, killing 167 people, 83 of them children whose school dormitory collapsed