

**Saturday, June 6**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2007: Cyclone Gonu, the worst cyclone ever to strike the Arabian Peninsula, battered Oman, causing \$4bn in damage and over 50 deaths**

**1599: Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velazquez, Spanish artist who became court painter to King Philip IV, was born**

**1982: Israel began a full-scale invasion of Lebanon**

**1989: Scenes of hysteria accompanied the funeral of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran, Iran**

**2008: The Caribbean Monk Seal was declared officially extinct, becoming the only species of seal to be killed off due to overhunting by humans**