

Monday, June 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal won the Roland Garros singles title for the fourth year in a row, equalling Bjorn Borg's record

1625: Astronomer Giovanni Cassini was born in Perinaldo, France

1928: Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist army secured the surrender of Peking

1973: General Franco appointed Luis Carrero Blanco as prime minister of Spain after ruling alone for 34 years

2008: Two bomb blasts in Algeria killed at least 12 people. The attacks were blamed on a group calling itself Al-Qaeda in Islamic North Africa