

Monday, October 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1954:** Irish musician and political campaigner Bob Geldof was born in Dublin

1880: Alonzo T. Cross patented the Stylographic pen, the precursor of the ball-point pen

1930: The British airship R101 crashed on its maiden flight, killing 48 including the British air minister

1964: In the largest mass escape since the Berlin Wall was constructed, 57 East German refugees tunnelled under the wall to safety in the West

2006: NATO troops assumed responsibility for security across the whole of Afghanistan