

Wednesday, November 4

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Democrat Barack Obama became the first African-American to be elected President of the United States

1307: The Swiss Confederation declared its independence from Austria

1879: The first cash register was patented by James J. Ritty of Dayton, Ohio

1988: Indian paratroopers crushed an attempted coup by foreign mercenaries in the Maldives

2008: Mexican Interior Minister Juan Camilo Mourino and 12 others were killed after their plane crashed into rush-hour traffic in Mexico City