

Friday, December 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1865: Slavery was abolished throughout the United States and its territories**

1398: Central Asian despot Timur Lenk, also known as Tamerlane, conquered Delhi and massacred its inhabitants

1956: Japan was admitted to the United Nations

1971: U.S. golfer Bobby Jones died. He remains the only player to have won the "Grand Slam", all four major titles in the same calendar year, in 1930

2008: India successfully test-fired its supersonic cruise missile BrahMos for the first time, launched from a navy warship in the Bay of Bengal