

Sunday, January 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Opposition candidate John Atta Mills won a tight presidential run-off in Ghana**

1521: Martin Luther, German founder of Protestantism, was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church

1918: New Zealand-born scientist Ernest Rutherford announced he had split the atom

1990: Deposed Panamanian dictator General Noriega surrendered to U.S. authorities after 10 days under siege

2009: Israel launched a ground attack on the Gaza Strip after a week of air strikes to try to halt rocket attacks by Palestinian militants