

Wednesday, February 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** The National Assembly of People's Power unanimously selected Raul Castro to succeed his brother Fidel as President of Cuba

1304: Celebrated Arab traveller Ibn Battutah was born in Tangier, Morocco

1887: Paris and Brussels became the first two capital cities to be linked by telephone

1966: Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana since independence, was overthrown in an army coup

2009: Iraq's National Museum reopened for the first time since being looted during the U.S.-led invasion in 2003