

**Sunday, March 14**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1885: Gilbert and Sullivan's Japanese-set operetta, *The Mikado*, was first performed in London**

**1820: Victor Emmanuel II, the first King to reign over a united Italy, was born**

**1983: OPEC cut oil prices for the first time in its 22-year history, Saudi light crude down from \$34 a barrel to \$29**

**1985: Keepers at Singapore Zoo put five lionesses on the contraceptive pill after a swift rise in the lion population from two to sixteen**

**2008: Several people were killed in Tibet's capital, Lhasa, in the largest protests in two decades against Chinese rule**