

Saturday, June 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1783: The Montgolfier Brothers gave the first public demonstration of their hot-air balloon in a 10-minute flight over Annonay, France**

1873: Under pressure from the British, the Sultan of Zanzibar signed a treaty abolishing slavery

1968: Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles

1975: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat reopened the Suez Canal after eight years to all but Israeli shipping

2009: Fire swept through a state-run day-care centre in Hermosillo, Mexico, killing 30 infants and toddlers; 17 more died in hospital