

Friday, June 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Pop superstar Michael Jackson, 50, died from cardiac arrest in Los Angeles, having ingested a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs**

1630: The table fork was introduced into America from England

1938: Gaelic scholar Douglas Hyde was inaugurated as the first president of the Irish Republic

1991: Croatia and Slovenia declared independence, plunging the Yugoslav federation into a violent breakup

2009: Russia's Supreme Court ordered a retrial for three men on charges related to the 2006 murder of journalist Anna Politkovskaya