

Friday, July 2

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: FARC guerillas freed former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, held for six years**

1900: Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin flew his first airship in Germany

1964: U.S. President Lyndon Johnson signed the U.S. Civil Rights Bill, prohibiting racial discrimination

1994: Colombian soccer player Andrés Escobar, who scored an own goal that eliminated Colombia from the World Cup, was shot dead on his return to Medellin

2009: Japanese diplomat Yukiya Amano was elected Director General of the IAEA