

Saturday, December 11

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: U.S. businessman Bernard Madoff was arrested and charged with fraud after he admitted running a vast Ponzi scheme that defrauded thousands of investors of \$65 billion

1843: German bacteriologist Robert Koch, who discovered the bacilli responsible for tuberculosis, anthrax and cholera, was born

1931: Japan abandoned the gold standard

1964: Legendary soul singer Sam Cooke was shot dead in Los Angeles

2009: North Korea acknowledged it needed to resume the stalled six-party talks on its nuclear programme