

**Sunday, February 13**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1990:** Nelson Mandela, newly released from a South African jail, got a hero's welcome on his return to the black township of Soweto

**1668:** Spain recognised the independence of Portugal under the Treaty of Lisbon

**1920:** Switzerland was admitted to the League of Nations

**1974:** Nobel prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was deported from the Soviet Union

**2010:** President Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d'Ivoire dissolved the government, saying the peace process had broken down