

Tuesday, March 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1886: Expressionist artist and writer Oskar Kokoschka was born in Austria. He fled to England in 1938 to escape Nazi persecution**

1498: Vasco de Gama landed at what is now Mozambique, en route to India

1810: Sweden became the first country to appoint an ombudsman

1991: Basra and other Shiite cities in southern Iraq rebelled against Saddam Hussein's government

2010: The only border crossing between Russia and Georgia not to go through the rebel regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia reopened after more than three years