

**Wednesday, April 6**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009:** A powerful earthquake killed 295 people and devastated the area around L'Aquila, in central Italy

**1868:** Emperor Meiji of Japan abolished feudalism and promised a modern democratic government

**1942:** Japanese bombers attacked India for the first time, targeting ports in Madras

**1980:** Over 10,000 Cubans sought political asylum in the Peruvian embassy in Havana

**2010:** Around 250 people lost their lives in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro state after the most torrential rain in years caused landslides and flooding