

**Thursday, April 14**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** Air travel over northern Europe was massively disrupted after a cloud of ash drifting from an Icelandic volcano closed airports and cancelled hundreds of flights

**1527:** Ortelius, cartographer of the first atlas, was born in Antwerp, Belgium

**1929:** The Monaco Grand Prix was first staged around the narrow streets and harbour of Monte Carlo

**1975:** The electorate in Sikkim voted to abolish the monarchy and seek full Indian statehood

**2010:** A magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck Yushu, in China's Qinghai province, killing around 2,700 people