

Wednesday, May 4

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** Pablo Picasso's *Nude, Green Leaves and Bust* became the most expensive work of art ever sold at auction, fetching \$106m

**1493:** Pope Alexander VI, a Spaniard, decreed that all new lands discovered west of the Azores were Spanish

**1925:** The Geneva Conference on arms, poison gas and related matters began

**1992:** Over 70,000 Thais protested at the appointment of unelected general Suchinda Kraprayoon as prime minister

**2009:** Masked gunmen killed at least 44 people at a wedding party in mainly Kurdish south-east Turkey