

Friday, May 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** Khattiya Sawasdipol, chief military advisor of Thailand's anti-government protesters, was fatally injured after security forces fired on the "red shirts" camp in Bangkok

1888: Brazil's parliament decided to abolish slavery

1927: Germany's "Black Friday" signalled the total collapse of the country's economic structure

1981: Pope John Paul II was injured in an assassination attempt by a Turkish gunman in Rome

2004: Haiti's deposed president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was granted asylum in South Africa