

Wednesday, May 18

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Sri Lanka's government declared an end to its 26-year civil war with the Tamil Tigers**

**1291: The Sultan of Egypt captured Acre, the last Christian stronghold in the Holy Land**

**1974: India detonated its first nuclear bomb in the Rajasthan desert**

**1980: Mount St Helens volcano erupted in Washington state, creating a cloud of ash 2,500 miles long**

**2010: A suicide car bomb targeted a NATO convoy in Kabul, killing at least 19 people including 12 Afghan civilians and six foreign soldiers, five of whom were U.S. troops**