

**Friday, June 24**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** American John Isner finally defeated Frenchman Nicolas Mahut 70-68 in the final set of the longest match in tennis history, in the first round of Wimbledon. The match took over 11 hours, spanning three days

**1901:** The first exhibition by Pablo Picasso, aged 19, opened in Paris

**1973:** Eamon de Valera, then the world's oldest statesman, resigned as president of Ireland at age 90

**1978:** The president of Yemen was killed by a parcel bomb

**2010:** Julia Gillard was sworn in as Australia's first female prime minister