

Saturday, June 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Pop superstar Michael Jackson, 50, died from cardiac arrest in Los Angeles, having ingested a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs

1867: The first barbed wire was patented by Lucien B. Smith of Ohio

1975: Samora Machel was sworn in as President of Mozambique after 477 years of Portuguese rule

1991: Croatia and Slovenia declared independence, plunging the Yugoslav federation into a violent breakup

2006: Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos Horta resigned as Foreign and Interim Defence Minister of East Timor amid ongoing political turmoil