



Today in History

April 9, 2003

▲ Iraqis and Americans celebrated the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime by toppling a 20ft statue of the president in Firdos Square in Baghdad

1963: The movie *Lawrence of Arabia*, starring Peter O'Toole, won seven Oscars

1981: The longest-ever scientific word, containing 207,000 letters, was published in *Nature* magazine

1992: Former dictator of Panama Manuel Noriega was found guilty of drug-trafficking by a court in Florida

2010: Russian physicists created a new, super-heavy element, 117, filling in a gap in chemistry's periodic table