

A close-up photograph of Michael Jackson with his eyes closed and mouth open in a pained or dramatic expression. He has dark, curly hair and visible blood streaks on his face. He is wearing a dark jacket with a prominent gold-colored, scale-like collar.

Today in History

June 25, 2009

▲ Pop superstar Michael Jackson died after ingesting a powerful cocktail of sleeping drugs. His doctor was later convicted of involuntary manslaughter

1910: The first performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet The Firebird was staged in Paris

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

1991: The last Soviet troops left Czechoslovakia, 23 years after the invasion to crush the Prague Spring

2013: Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, 33, became the 8th Emir of Qatar on the abdication of his father