



## Today in History

*November 23, 2005*

▲ **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf became Africa's first elected female head of state when she won Liberia's first presidential election after 15 years of civil war**

**1997:** Two New Zealanders won the first ever ocean rowing race, from Tenerife to Barbados, in 42 days

**2001:** The first international treaty to address internet and computer crime was signed in Budapest

**2002:** The Miss World contest was switched to London from Nigeria after protests claimed over 200 lives

**2009:** The world's largest mass immunisation against yellow fever began, targeting 12 million in Africa