## Tuesday, March 7

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2004: Greek voters ended 11 years of Socialist rule when they elected 47-year-old conservative leader Costas Karamanlis as the nation's youngest prime minister

**1872:** Influential painter Piet Mondrian was born in Amersfoort, Holland

1918: Russia's Bolsheviks changed their name to the Communist Party

**1973:** The government of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman won a landslide victory in Bangladesh's first general election

2005: President Bashar al-Assad of Syria agreed to move 150,000 troops in Lebanon to the eastern Bekaa Valley, close to the Syrian border