

Friday, March 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1989:** The *Exxon Valdez* ran aground in Alaska, spilling 64 million litres of oil into the pristine waters of Prince William Sound

1603: Queen Elizabeth I died after ruling England for nearly 45 years

1911: Denmark abolished capital punishment

1980: El Salvador's radical archbishop Oscar Romero was shot dead by right-wing hit squads while preparing to celebrate mass in San Salvador

2005: A popular uprising in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan, forced President Askar Akayev to flee into exile in Russia