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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi, head of the Palestinian militant group Hamas, was killed in a targeted Israeli missile strike in Gaza City

1895: China and Japan recognised the independence of Korea

1970: The crippled U.S. spacecraft Apollo 13 splashed down safely after its near disastrous trip to the moon

1989: Chinese students calling for democracy marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing

1993: Paleontologists announced the discovery of a 75 million-year-old fossil that provided an evolutionary link between dinosaurs and birds