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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2003: India and Pakistan restored diplomatic relations and transport links, broken off after an attack on the Indian parliament in 2001

1729: Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, was born

1936: Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia and his family fled the capital, Addis Abbaba, three days before the city fell to Italian forces

1989: Hungarian troops began dismantling a 350-kilometre security fence along the border with Austria

1999: Panama elected a first woman president, Mireya Moscoso, widow of former president Arnulfo Arias