Sunday, May 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1923: The International Congress of Dancing Masters condemned the Foxtrot and the Tango

1502: The Portuguese discovered the uninhabited island of St Helena

1945: Syria and Lebanon broke off negotiations with France and demanded full independence

1995: Two paintings and a sketch purchased in a flea market in Barcelona, Spain, were authenticated as genuine Picassos

2004: Pemba Dorje Sherpa set a new speed record for climbing Mount Everest, reaching the summit in eight hours, 10 minutes