ON THIS DAY

▲ **2004:** **Tsunamis triggered by a 9.1 earthquake under the Indian Ocean killed around 230,000 people**

1836: Settlers founded the colony of South Australia

1893: Mao Tse-Tung, one of the founders of modern China, was born

1989: Romania named a new government headed by President Ion Iliescu, one day after the execution of deposed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu

2003: Exactly a year before the tsunamis, an earthquake in Iran killed 26,000 people and destroyed the 2,000-year-old mud-brick citadel in the city of Bam

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