

Friday, February 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2003:** The space shuttle *Columbia* broke apart as it began its descent to Cape Canaveral, Florida, killing all seven astronauts on board

1840: The world's first dental college opened in Baltimore, Maryland

1908: King Carlos I of Portugal and his son were assassinated in Lisbon

1944: Dutch artist Piet Mondrian died in New York

1963: Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda was sworn in as the first prime minister of Nyasaland, now Malawi

1979: Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran after a 14-year exile spent mostly in the holy Shia city of Najaf, Iraq
