

Friday, June 6

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007: Cyclone Gonu, the worst cyclone ever to strike the Arabian Peninsula, battered Oman, causing \$4bn in damage and over 50 deaths**

1599: Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velazquez, Spanish artist who became court painter to King Philip IV, born

1982: Israel began a full-scale invasion of Lebanon

1989: Scenes of hysteria accompanied the funeral of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran

2003: Volkswagen announced that production of the original, classic Beetle car, first produced in 1934, would cease later in the year

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