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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Archaeologists revealed that Angkor, former capital of the Khmer Empire, covered an area as great as 3,000 square kilometres and had a population of up to half a million

1521: Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians

1868: A series of earthquakes in Peru and Ecuador killed up to 25,000 people

2000: A provisional parliament was set up in Somalia, which had been without a functioning government since the collapse of the dictatorial regime of President Siad Barre in 1991