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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Benazir Bhutto's return to Pakistan after eight years in exile ended in carnage as two suicide bombs aimed at the former prime minister killed around 140 people

1697: Italian artist Giovanni Antonio Canal, better known as Canaletto, was born in Venice

1867: The U.S. completed the purchase of Alaska from Russia

1907: The first plans were announced for an international court of justice to be set up in the Hague

2000: The U.S. Senate voted to ease sanctions on sales of food and medicine to Cuba