ON THIS DAY

▲ **1988: Benazir Bhutto was sworn in as Prime Minister of Pakistan, the first woman in modern times to head the government of an Islamic state**

1547: Hernando Cortes, Spanish conqueror of Mexico, died

1859: French artist Georges Seurat, who developed the technique of pointillism, was born

1971: The United Arab Emirates came into being, comprising the six former Trucial states

2007: Russian President Vladimir Putin's One Russia Party won a predicted landslide victory in parliamentary elections