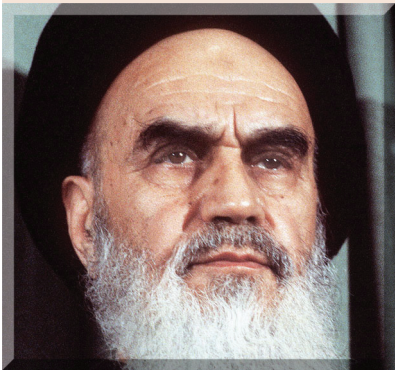


Sunday, February 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1979: Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Tehran from Paris after more than 14 years of exile, spent mostly in the holy Shia city of Najaf, Iraq**

1790: The first session of the U.S. Supreme Court was held in New York

1942: Vidkun Quisling became prime minister of Norway

1982: The Confederation of Senegambia was formally launched

2008: The first of some 3,400 EU peacekeepers were preparing to deploy to Chad and the Central African Republic to protect refugees and aid workers caught up in the violence in neighbouring Darfur