

Saturday, February 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: The U.S. Navy shot down a disabled spy satellite, carrying toxic fuel, over the Pacific Ocean

1613: Michael Romanov was elected Tsar of Russia, marking the start of the Romanov dynasty's 300-year rule

1741: English agriculturalist Jethro Tull died; he invented the seed drill and pioneered the planting of seeds in rows

1972: Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit China

1996: Diana, Princess of Wales visited the cancer hospital in Lahore founded by former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan