

Saturday, May 2

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Cyclone Nargis slammed into Myanmar's Irrawaddy delta, causing catastrophic destruction and killing some 146,000 people

1860: Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, was born in Hungary

1926: Indian women were allowed to run for public office for the first time

1989: China imposed martial law as pro-democracy demonstrators camped in Tiananmen Square, Beijing

2008: Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai was told he faced a run-off against Robert Mugabe having fallen short of an outright win in the presidential election