# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1906: The Cunard passenger liner *Lusitania*, sunk by a German U-boat in 1915, was launched**

**1494:** Spain and Portugal signed the Treaty of Tordesillas, agreeing to divide the New World between themselves

**1948: President Edvard Benes of Czechoslovakia resigned rather than sign a new constitution legalising the country as a communist state**

**1981:** Israeli warplanes attacked and destroyed the Osirak nuclear reactor at Al Tuwaitha in Iraq

**2008: Hillary Clinton pulled out of the race for the White House, endorsing Barack Obama for U.S. President**

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