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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Plans were unveiled for the world's first swirling skyscraper in Dubai, with each floor rotating once an hour to form an ever-changing profile on the skyline

1509: Henry VIII was crowned King of England, 500 years ago today

1812: Napoleon, heading his Grand Armee, began his invasion of Russia

1983: President Hafez al-Assad ordered Yasser Arafat to leave Syria

2007: Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali", was sentenced to death in Iraq for his role in the genocide of some 180,000 Kurds under the regime of Saddam Hussein