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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Two Russian manned mini submarines set a new record by descending 1,680m to the bottom of Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake

1890: Artist Vincent van Gogh died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound

1937: Japanese forces took Tientsin in the continuing conflict between Japan and China

1975: General Yakubu Gowon of Nigeria was ousted in a bloodless coup while he was at an African summit

1998: As drug scandals engulfed the Tour de France, five teams quit the race alleging police harassment during night raids on team hotels