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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Scientists in China said they had found what could be the world's largest dinosaur fossil site, a 300m-long pit in the province of Shandong containing 7,600 dinosaur bones

1880: The Transvaal, under Paul Kruger, declared itself a republic

1916: The Siberian mystic Rasputin, a favourite of Tsarina Alexandra, was murdered by Russian nobles

1997: South Africa and China signed a pact establishing diplomatic relations

2008: Sheikh Hasina's Awami League won a landslide victory in Bangladesh's general elections after nearly two years of emergency rule