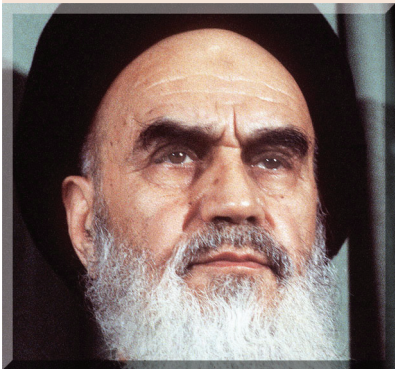


Monday, February 1

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1979: Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Tehran from Paris after more than 14 years of exile spent mostly in the holy Shia city of Najaf, Iraq**

1790: The first session of the U.S. Supreme Court took place in New York

1963: Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda was sworn in as the first prime minister of Nyasaland, now Malawi

1977: The Pompidou Centre in Paris, designed by Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano, was opened

2009: Japan Airlines conducted the first successful test flight of a Boeing 747-300 partly powered by biofuel