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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: The Singapore Flyer, the world's largest Ferris wheel at 42 stories high, began turning**

1861: Explorers Burke and Wills reached the Gulf of Carpentaria in north-eastern Australia

1979: Iranian prime minister Dr Shahpur Bakhtiar resigned after two days of fighting in Tehran

1990: Nelson Mandela, South Africa's black nationalist leader, was released from prison after serving 27 years

2009: Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai was sworn in as prime minister in a unity government with President Robert Mugabe