

Tuesday, February 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1959: Fidel Castro was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after his overthrow of Fulgencio Batista**

1945: Venezuela declared war on Germany and Japan

1960: The U.S. nuclear submarine *Triton* began the first ever underwater round-the-world trip

1994: Europol, a prototype European Union police force, was launched in the Netherlands

2009: Pakistani President Asif Zardari agreed to sign an order implementing Sharia law in the Swat valley once peace in the restive north-west region was fully restored