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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1839: Britain's Grand National horse race was run for the first time**

1832: The Polish constitution was abolished and replaced by one imposed by Russia's Tsar Nicholas I

1901: The leaders of China's Boxer Rebellion, Chi-hsui and Hsu Cheng-yu, were beheaded in public

1980: Egypt and Israel established diplomatic relations, marking the end of 30 years of war between the two countries

2009: The Royal Bank of Scotland reported losses of £24.1 billion, the largest annual loss in British corporate history