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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Colombian FARC rebels released four former members of Congress, held hostage since 2001 and 2002, in a deal brokered by Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez**

1844: The Dominican Republic gained independence from Haiti

1933: The Nazis claimed a Communist conspiracy after fire gutted the Reichstag in Berlin

1974: A new constitution was approved in Sweden, reducing the status of the monarch to a figurehead

2009: A rebellion by Bangladeshi border guards over poor pay and conditions killed around 70 people