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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Rival U.S. airlines Delta and Northwest agreed to merge in a \$3bn deal that created the world's biggest commercial carrier**

1797: Britain's biggest ever naval mutiny took place at Spithead, prompted by appalling work conditions

1939: Italian actress Claudia Cardinale was born in Tunis, Tunisia

1982: Five Muslim fundamentalists were executed in Cairo for the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat

2009: Pitcairn Island abolished alcohol prohibition after a ban lasting 200 years