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ON THIS DAY



▲ 1989: Chinese students calling for democracy marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing

1421: Over 100,000 people drowned when the sea broke through dykes at Dort, in the Netherlands

1895: China and Japan recognised the independence of Korea under the Treaty of Shimonoseki

1969: Sirhan B. Sirhan was convicted of the murder of Robert F. Kennedy

2009: Botswana, the world's largest diamond producer, said it would cut its output by over half in 2009, due to plummeting demand for gems in the wake of the global economic crisis