

**Thursday, April 29**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009: The World Health Organisation warned that the deadly swine flu virus first detected in Mexico could no longer be contained**

**1818: Tsar Alexander II of Russia was born; he emancipated the serfs in 1861 but was assassinated in 1881**

**1970: Tennis star Andre Agassi was born in Las Vegas; he turns 40 today**

**1977: Trades unions were legalised in Spain after being outlawed by General Franco in 1936**

**2009: Pakistani forces killed more than 50 militants in retaking a key town in Buner district, halting the Taliban advance towards Islamabad**