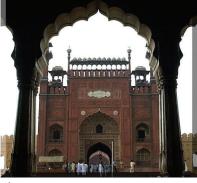
Wednesday, May 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1659: Aurangzeb, third son of the great Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, formally ascended the throne

1868: U.S. President Andrew Johnson was acquitted of impeachment charges of "high crimes and misdemeanours"

1971: The Soviet Union's answer to Concorde, the TU-144, first appeared in the West at the Paris Air Show

1979: Israel formally returned the Sinai to Egypt as part of the peace deal formulated by Anwar Sadat

2009: France opened its first military base in the Gulf region, strategically placed in Abu Dhabi between the Arabian peninsula and Iran