

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