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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi made his first visit to Italy, Libya's former colonial ruler and now its biggest trading partner**

1865: Wagner's opera *Tristan and Isolde* premiered in Munich, Germany

1943: Hungarian journalist Laszlo Biro patented his ball-point pen

1965: A BEA de Havilland jet flying from Paris to London made the first landing by automatic control

2009: Palau, one of 23 countries to have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan instead of China, agreed to accept up to 17 Chinese Uighurs from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba