ON THIS DAY

▲ **2009: Riots erupted in Iran as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was re-elected president by a surprisingly large margin of victory**

1865: Irish poet and playwright William Butler Yeats was born

1900: The Boxer Rebellion, intended to oust foreigners, began in China

1983: The U.S. spacecraft *Pioneer 10* became the first man-made object to leave the solar system

2009: North Korea announced it would "weaponise" its plutonium stocks and threatened to take military action against the U.S. and its allies over UN sanctions

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