ON THIS DAY

▲ **1996: Sheikh Hasina, daughter of murdered independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, took office as prime minister of Bangladesh**

1810: Australia's first Post Office was officially opened in Sydney by Governor Lachlan Macquarie

1985: All 329 passengers and crew were killed when an Air India Boeing 747 crashed off the coast of Ireland

1994: South Africa reclaimed its seat in the UN General Assembly after 24 years as an international outcast

2009: The French National Assembly announced the launch of an inquiry into whether to ban the burqa

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