

Saturday, June 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1959: Queen Elizabeth II and U.S. President Eisenhower opened the St Lawrence Seaway, connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean

1541: Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conqueror of Peru, was assassinated in his palace in Lima

1898: German aviation designer Wilhelm Messerschmitt was born

1960: The Indian Ocean island of Madagascar became independent from France as the Malagasy Republic

2009: The death toll after a week of violence in Iraq neared 200, four days before U.S. combat troops were due to withdraw from Iraqi cities