

Saturday, September 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1997:** The jet-powered *ThrustSSC* set a new world land speed record of 714mph in the Nevada desert, 81mph faster than the previous record

1690: The first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, published its first and last edition in Boston

1818: The first blood transfusion using human as opposed to animal blood was carried out in London

1959: Sri Lankan prime minister Solomon Bandaranaike was assassinated in Colombo

2009: Iran revealed the existence of a second uranium enrichment plant, sited near the ancient city of Qom