

Saturday, October 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: New U.S. President Barack Obama was an unexpected choice as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize**

1870: Rome was incorporated into Italy by royal decree

1970: Cambodia declared itself the Khmer republic

1990: Nelson Mandela made an emotional return to South Africa's notorious Robben Island jail where he spent 20 years of his life

2009: A suicide car bomber killed 49 people in the city of Peshawar as Pakistan's army made ready for an all-out offensive on the Taliban stronghold of South Waziristan