

**Sunday, October 17**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** President Nasheed and the government of the Maldives held the world's first underwater Cabinet meeting, to highlight the threat of global warming to the low-lying Indian Ocean nation

**1908:** A serum to fight tuberculosis was developed in France

**1956:** Britain's first nuclear power station opened in Cumbria

**1970:** Anwar Sadat was sworn in as president of Egypt

**2009:** More than 30,000 Pakistani army troops launched an air and ground offensive against Taliban militants in South Waziristan