

**Thursday, October 21**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2008: India and Pakistan reopened a trade route across the Line of Control dividing disputed Kashmir for the first time in 60 years**

**1879:** Thomas Alva Edison successfully tested the world's first electric lightbulb; it stayed alight for just over 13 hours

**1923:** The world's first planetarium was opened at the Deutsche Museum in Munich, Germany

**1950:** Chinese forces began their occupation of Tibet

**1998:** New Italian prime minister Massimo d'Alema became the first former Communist to head a major western European government