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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Mohamed Nasheed was elected president in the Maldives' first democratic election**

1929: America's Depression era began as New York share prices collapsed in the Wall Street Crash

1978: Mao Tse Tung's Little Red Book was denounced in China's official Communist Party newspaper

1998: Hurricane Mitch battered Central America, leaving over 10,000 dead in Honduras and Nicaragua

2003: Kazakhstan unveiled an ambitious plan to build a dam to save the northern part of the shrinking Aral Sea