

**Saturday, February 5**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1788: Sir Robert Peel, British prime minister and founder of London's Metropolitan police force, was born**

**1782: Spain captured the island of Minorca from British forces**

**1892: Temperatures in Siberia were recorded as reaching 94 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, or -70 Celsius**

**1920: Germany defaulted on war payments to the Allies**

**2010: Suicide bombings in the Iraqi city of Karbala and the Pakistani city of Karachi killed over 60 people as Shia pilgrims in both cities observed a major religious rite**