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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010: Nigeria's vice-president, Goodluck Jonathan, was appointed acting president after weeks of political turmoil due to the absence of ailing leader Umaru Yar'Adua**

1849: Giuseppe Mazzini proclaimed Rome a republic

1943: U.S. troops in the Pacific reached Guadalcanal and found that the Japanese had evacuated

1981: General Wojciech Jaruzelski became prime minister of Poland during the Solidarity crisis

2010: Bad weather triggered a series of avalanches at the Salang tunnel in Afghanistan that killed 160 people