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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Maoist rebels killed 17 police and election officials in four Indian states as the country's month-long general election began**

1883: Paul Kruger became president of the South African Republic

1943: In Mexico, Jacques Monard was sentenced to 20 years in jail for the murder of Leon Trotsky

1988: Palestinian commando chief Khalil el-Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, was assassinated in Tunis

2003: The WHO confirmed that a new coronavirus had caused the global SARS epidemic which had claimed over 100 lives in the Far East