

Thursday, April 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1926: Queen Elizabeth II, head of state of the UK and 15 other nations, was born. Today is her 85th birthday**

1526: The first Battle of Panipat took place in northern India, marking the beginning of the Mughal Empire

1836: Texan troops defeated Mexican forces at the Battle of San Jacinto, paving the way for the independence of Texas

1971: Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, tyrannical dictator of Haiti who created the feared Tonton Macoute militia, died

2010: Syria became the first Arab state to implement a ban on smoking in public places