

Sunday, May 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Nicaragua's Central Bank began issuing new polymer cordoba banknotes in place of paper ones**

1862: The first sports ground designed exclusively to stage baseball opened in Brooklyn, New York

1928: Australia's Flying Doctor service was launched in Queensland

1988: The Soviet Union withdrew the first of its estimated 115,000 forces from Afghanistan

2010: A leading collection of dead snakes, spiders and scorpions, used to develop vaccines and medicines, was destroyed by a fire at a research centre in Sao Paulo, Brazil