

Thursday, May 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1659:** Aurangzeb, third son of the great Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, formally ascended the throne

1908: The first major oil strike in the Middle East was made in Persia

1940: Over 400 boats set sail from Britain to evacuate Allied troops trapped at Dunkirk in France

1993: Germany revoked its constitutional guarantee of asylum to any victim of political oppression

2010: More than 80 students became ill in a girl's school in Afghanistan, in a poison gas attack thought to have been carried out by Taliban militants opposed to the education of girls