

Saturday, June 11

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010:** The FIFA World Cup got underway in South Africa, the first time the tournament had been staged on the African continent

1903: King Alexander I and Queen Draga of Serbia were brutally murdered in a military coup

1959: The first experimental hovercraft, the SR-N1, was launched

1963: A Buddhist monk immolated himself in Saigon as a protest against the government of South Vietnam

2010: Kyrgyzstan declared a state of emergency in the city of Osh, after violence erupted ahead of a referendum on constitutional reform