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▲ **The Zvezda service module, living quarters for the first three-man crew of the International Space Station, blasted off from Baikonur, Kazakhstan**

1794: British admiral Horatio Nelson lost his right eye at the siege of Calvi, during the battle for Corsica

1991: Hitoshi Igarashi, the Japanese translator of Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*, was found stabbed to death in Tokyo

1998: France beat Brazil to win the soccer World Cup on home soil

2002: The UN reported that nine out of ten people in Africa's poorest countries live on less than \$2 a day