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▲ Shares in video conference company Zoom reached record highs as ever more countries encouraged social distancing due to the coronavirus pandemic

1956: Pakistan became an Islamic Republic under its first post-independence Constitution

1996: Lee Teng-hui became the first democratically-elected president of Taiwan

2001: Russian ground controllers successfully ditched the 15-year-old Mir space station in the Pacific Ocean

2006: A tortoise brought to India by the British in the 18th century died in a Calcutta zoo, aged about 255