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▲ **Engineers blocked China's Yangtze River as construction began of the Three Gorges dam, the world's largest hydroelectric power project**

1972: West and East Germany signed a good-neighbour treaty, ending 23 years of Cold War antagonism

1996: A 19th century Swedish postage stamp, auctioned for \$2.25m, became the world's most valuable stamp

2002: The UN unanimously endorsed a long-awaited resolution to force Iraq to give up its weapons of mass destruction

2021: Thousands of migrants tried to enter the EU via Belarus as President Lukashenko hit back at EU sanctions