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Dear all

In the SMHI UERRA reanalysis runs we recently experienced problems in bator when assimilating 1979010100. It turns out that the integer representation in some of the date/time check routines is not enough so that for e.g. the observation time window ( as defined in ficdate ):

```
19781231233000
19790101003000
```

the current conversion returns

```
IDATDEB 2107279626
IDATFIN -2098989970
```

in the internal bator representation. Obviously then the check IDATEDEB < obsdate-time < IDATFIN will never be successful and no observations will be accepted. Thanks to Frank Guillaume, Meteo France, this is now sorted out and fixed like in <https://hirlam.org/trac/changeset/14604>. To be picky the bug was actually found in CY38T1 if anyone is concerned about this.

Our normal operational suites would have survived with the current bug for a few more years.

Best Regards,  
Ulf Andrae, HIRLAM-B project leader for system

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