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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** A controversial referendum in Belarus approved the lifting of a constitutional ban on a third term for President Alexander Lukashenko

1849: Polish composer Frederic Chopin died of tuberculosis in Paris

1956: Britain's first nuclear power station opened in Cumbria

1973: OPEC oil producers announced a 70 percent hike and cut back production in response to U.S. support of Israel in the Yom Kippur war

2003: A topping-out ceremony was held in Taiwan for the Taipei 101 tower, soon to be recognised as the world's tallest building