

A close-up portrait of Alexander Litvinenko, a man with light brown, wavy hair and blue eyes, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark jacket.

Today in History

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▲ **Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko died in London from radiation poisoning. The former KGB colonel was a vocal critic of Vladimir Putin's government**

1921: During prohibition, U.S. doctors were banned from prescribing beer

1983: The Soviet Union walked out of arms limitation talks in Geneva in protest at the deployment of U.S. cruise missiles in Europe

1991: The Croatian city of Vukovar surrendered to Serbian forces after a three-month siege

2001: The first international treaty to address internet and computer crime was signed in Budapest