



# Today in History

*July 5, 2012*

▲ The Shard was inaugurated in London. At 310m (1,020ft) high, it was the tallest building in Europe until overtaken by the 338m Mercury City Tower in Moscow

**1962:** Algeria formally declared independence from France following a brutal eight-year war

**1977:** In Pakistan, General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq overthrew the government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

**2004:** Millions of voters participated in Indonesia's first direct presidential election

**2009:** Riots in China's Xinjiang region between ethnic Uighurs and Han Chinese left 200 people dead