

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, textured jacket over a dark shirt.

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**

1963: The first episode of Doctor Who, the world's longest-running science fiction TV show, was broadcast

1998: America's four largest tobacco companies agreed to pay \$206bn to cover smoking-related health costs

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

2003: Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze resigned amid protests over disputed election results