

A photograph of David Bowie performing on stage. He is wearing a dark, patterned jacket over a red shirt and is playing a white electric guitar. He has blonde hair and is looking towards the camera with an open mouth, as if singing.

## Today in History

*January 8, 1947*

▲ **David Bowie, British singer, songwriter and actor was born. He was known for dramatic musical transformations, including his character Ziggy Stardust**

**2004:** Iconic blue jeans maker Levi Strauss closed its last two sewing plants in the United States

**2007: Belarus halted Russian oil supplies to Poland, Germany and Ukraine after a gas price row**

**2007:** Astronomers found the first triple quasar. Quasars are thought to be powered by supermassive black holes

**2020: Iranian forces mistakenly shot down a Ukrainian airliner shortly after it took off from Tehran**