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FACT SHEET

What was the Holocaust?

The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of **six million** Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators (1933–1945).

Key Statistics

- **1,100+** ghettos established across Europe
- **1.5 million** Jewish children murdered
- **1.5 million** Jews shot in “Holocaust by Bullets”
- **250,000+** prisoners forced on death marches

Who were the victims?

Primary Target: **Jews**

- **6,000,000** Jews murdered (two-thirds of Europe’s Jewish population).
- Other Victims
- **200,000–1,500,000** Roma/Sinti
- **250,000** disabled individuals (T4 program)
- **100,000+** LGBTQ+ individuals persecuted
- **3,000,000** Soviet POWs deliberately starved/executed
- **Thousands** of dissidents, clergy, and minorities

Realities of the Holocaust

- Treblinka murdered **10,000–12,000** Jews per day in summer 1942.
- Warsaw Ghetto saw **43,000** deaths from starvation/disease in 1941 alone.
- Gas chambers could kill **2,000** people at once in ~20 minutes.
- Over **5,000** Jewish communities across Europe whose life was destroyed or severely damaged during the Holocaust

How did the Nazis kill?

Extermination Camps (Death Camps)

Six sites built exclusively for mass murder:

Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibór, Bełżec, Chetmno, Majdanek

Hitler and Nazi Influence in the Middle East

The Holocaust occurred in Europe, but key political leaders in the Middle East collaborated with Nazi Germany.

Haj Amin al-Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem

- Allied with Hitler and Himmler (1941–1944)
- Supported a “Final Solution” for Jews in the Middle East
- Broadcast Nazi propaganda in Arabic urging violence against Jews
- Recruited Muslims for the Waffen-SS (e.g., Handschar Division)
- Worked to block Jewish children from reaching Palestine

Farhud Pogrom (Iraq, 1941)

- **180+** Jews murdered; thousands injured
- Influenced by pro-Nazi Iraqi leadership

Methods

- Gas chambers (Zyklon B & carbon monoxide)
- Firing squads
- Deliberate starvation
- Forced labor until death

*If we held one minute of silence for every Jewish life murdered in the Holocaust, the world would be **silent for more than 11 years.***