

The Sixteen Top

Mass

Murderers

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#16 - Genghis Khan (c.1206 - c.1227)

Unknown, could be Millions of Deaths



(Genghis Khan - c.1162 - c.1227)

Genghis Khan's war strategy was characterized by wholesale destruction and slaughter. According to the works of Iranian historian, Rashid-ad-Din Fadl Allah, the Mongols slaughtered over 700 Thousand people in Merv and more than a Million in Nishapur.

China suffered a drastic decline in its population at the hand of Genghis Khan. Before the Mongol invasion, China had approximately 100 Million inhabitants; and after the conquest of China, 1279, the 1300 census showed that China now had approximately 60 Million people - a reduction in the population of about 40 Million people. How many deaths can actually be attributed to Genghis Khan is unknown.

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#15 - Harry S Truman (Japan, 1945)

At least 220 Thousand Deaths



(Harry S Truman - 08 May 1884 - 26 December 1972)

On 25 July 1945 President Harry S Truman authorised the use of atomic weapons against the Japanese Empire. The order stated that the *"Air Force will deliver its first special bomb as soon as weather will permit visual bombing after about 03 August 1945 on one of the targets: Hiroshima, Kokura, Niigata and Nagasaki... Additional bombs will be delivered on the above targets as soon as made ready by the project staff. Further instructions will be issued concerning targets other than those listed above."*

The first bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on 06 August 1945; and a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki on 09 August 1945.

The bombs immediately killed approximately 120 Thousand people, and fatally injured over 100 Thousand more. The Japanese Emperor, Michinomiya Hirohito, unconditionally surrendered on 14 August 1945, and thus ended the Second World War.

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#14 - Benito Mussolini (Ethiopia, 1936; Yugoslavia, WWII)

At Least 430 Thousand Deaths



(Benito Mussolini - 29 July 1883 - 28 April 1945)

Benito Mussolini is charged with over 400,000 Italians killed during the Second World War; and at least 30,000 Ethiopians killed during the Italian occupation of Ethiopia.

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#13 - Idi Amin (Uganda, 1969 - 1979)

100 Thousand to 500 Thousand Deaths



(Idi Amin - c.1925 - 16 August 2003)

To maintain his dictatorship, 1971 to 1979, Idi Amin perpetrated a genocide program against rival tribes and Obote supporters. Consequently, he was directly and indirectly responsible for the murder of between 100 Thousand and 500 Thousand (however, some authorities place the figure at 300 Thousand).

Those murdered included general citizenry, former and serving politicians (including cabinet ministers), the chief justice, Supreme Court judges, diplomats, academics, educators, prominent Anglican and Roman Catholic and clergy, senior bureaucrats, medical practitioners, bankers, tribal leaders, business executives, journalists, and a number of foreigners. In some attacks, entire villages were wiped out.

It was also reported that so many bodies were thrown into the River Nile that workers had to continuously fish them out to stop the intake ducts of a local dam from becoming clogged.

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#12 - Saddam Hussein (Iran 1980-1990 and Kurdistan 1987-1988)

662 Thousand to 1.6 Million Deaths



(Saddam Hussein - 28 April 1937 - 30 December 2006)

The death toll engendered by Saddam Hussein includes 150 Thousand to 340 Thousand Iraqi combatants, 450 Thousand to 730 Thousand Iranian combatants, killed during the Iran-Iraq War, 1980 to 1988.

Further, approximately 1 Thousand Kuwaiti nationals were killed following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

There are no accurate figures for the number of Iraqis killed during the Gulf War, 1991, with estimates of 1.5 Thousand to 200 Thousand given by various sources.

During Hussein's dictatorship, over 100 Thousand Kurds were killed or just "disappeared", and no accurate figures are available for the number of Iraqi dissidents and Shia Muslims who have been killed - it is suggested that the numbers are between 60 Thousand and 150 Thousand.

Following the US occupation of Iraq in 2003, mass graves were discovered that suggested the total for murdered Kurds, Shias, and dissidents could be as high as 300 Thousand.

It has also been suggested that up to 500 Thousand Iraqi children have died because of international trade sanctions introduced after the Gulf War in 1991.

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#11 - Suharto (East Timor, West Papua, 1966 - 1998)

500 Thousand to 2 Million Deaths



(Suharto - 08 June 1921 - 27 January 2008)

Following an alleged coup attempt in 1965, Suharto, the second President of Indonesia, was responsible for 500 Thousand to 2 Million people killed. The killings in East Java and northern Sumatra were on such a scale that the disposal of the bodies created a serious health problem. It was reported that small rivers and streams were literally clogged with corpses.

In 1975 over 250 Thousand deaths occurred following the invasion of East Timor; and thousands more people were killed in various Indonesian provinces.

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#10 - Jean Kambanda (Rwanda, 1994)

+/-800 Thousand Deaths



(Jean Kambanda - 19 October 1955 - Alive at time of compilation)

In 1994, Jean Kambanda, the Prime Minister in the caretaker government of Rwanda, was responsible for the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Rwandan Tutsis and moderates of the Hutu majority.

During the 100 days from the assassination of Juvénal Habyarimana, 06 April 1994 to mid July 1994, at least 500 Thousand people were killed - other sources estimate the death toll as 800 thousand to 1 Million people.

Current Disposition

On 04 September 1998, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) condemned Kambanda to life imprisonment for:

- Genocide, and Agreement to commit genocide
- Public and direct incitation to commit genocide
- Aiding and abetting genocide
- Failing in his duty to prevent the genocide which occurred while he was prime minister
- Two counts of crimes against humanity

This verdict was upheld by the ICTR Appeal Chamber on 19 October 2000, and Kambanda is currently jailed in Mali.

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#9 - Mengistu Haile Mariam (Ethiopia, 1974 - 1991)

+/-900 Thousand Deaths



(Mengistu Haile Mariam - 1937 ? - Alive at time of compilation)

From 1974 to 1991, Mengistu Haile Mariam was responsible for tens of thousands of Ethiopians being tortured, murdered, or just "removed".

Tens of thousands of other people were also killed as a result Ethiopia's many internal armed conflicts; and more than 100 Thousand others died as a result of the forced relocations ordered by the Mengistu regime.

Current Disposition

In May 1991 Mengistu fled the country with 50 family and Derg members. He was granted asylum in Zimbabwe as an official guest of Robert Mugabe (Zimbabwean President).

Mengistu was tried in an Ethiopian court, in absentia, for his role in the killing of nearly 2 Thousand people during the "Red Terror". Mengistu's charge sheet and evidence list was 8 Thousand pages long, and the evidence against him included signed execution orders, videos of torture sessions, and personal testimonies.

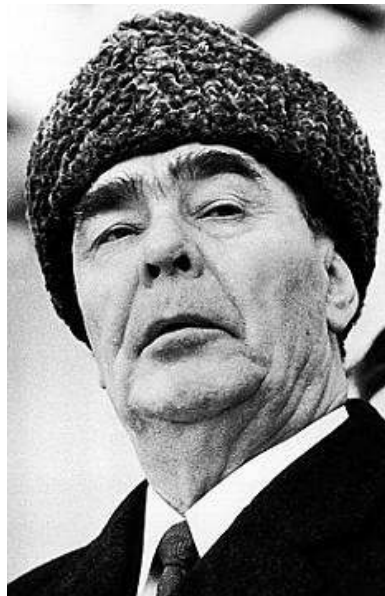
The trial began in 1994 and ended in 2006. Mengistu was found guilty as charged on 12 December 2006, and was sentenced to life in prison in January 2007. Following an appeal on 26 May 2008, Mengistu was sentenced to death in absentia by Ethiopia's High Court (overturning his previous sentence of life imprisonment). Moreover, 18 of Mengistu's most senior aides also received a death sentence. It is not clear if a change in government in Zimbabwe will result in his extradition.

Mengistu is currently still living in Zimbabwe.

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#8 - Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev (Afghanistan, 1979 - 1989)

1+ Million Deaths



(Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev - 19 December 1906 - 10 November 1982)

Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev was General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union during the Soviet war in Afghanistan, 1979-1989. And during this conflict, over 1 Million Afghans were killed, and 5 Million Afghans fled to Pakistan and Iran. Another 2 Million Afghans were displaced within the country.

Consequently, in the 1980s, one out of two refugees in the world was an Afghan.

In addition to the war fatalities, 1.2 Million Afghans were disabled (mujahidins, government soldiers and non-combatants); and a further 3 Million Afghans were maimed or wounded (primarily non-combatants).

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#7 - Pol Pot (Cambodia, 1975 - 79)

1.5+ Million Deaths



(Pol Pot - 19 May 1928 - 15 April 1998)

In 1975 Pol Pot declared "Year Zero", and executed a systematic plan to "purify" Cambodian society of all foreign influences, western culture, capitalism, and religion, etc, in favour of an isolated and self-sufficient Maoist agricultural society. Consequently, no opposition was tolerated - foreigners were expelled, embassies closed, currency abolished, markets, schools, newspapers, religious practices, and all private property was outlawed.

Consequently, towns and cities were emptied and the former inhabitants were deemed "April 17th people" or "new people"; and the country's entire population was forced to relocate to designated agricultural collectives.

It has been estimated that that 1.5 Million people were worked to death, starved to death, or died of disease or exposure, or were executed for the breaking of camp discipline.

Contraventions punishable by death included not working hard enough, complaining about living conditions, collecting or stealing food for personal use, the wearing of jewellery, having sexual relations, grieving over the loss of relatives or friends, and expressing any religious sentiments.

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#6 - Kim Il Sung (North Korea, 1948 -1994)

4+ Million Deaths



(Kim Il Sung - 15 April 1912 - 08 July 1994)

It is estimated that about 3 Million people were killed in the Korean War; and a further 600 Thousand to 1 Million North Koreans needlessly starved to death because of the economic legacy of Kim Il Sung's regime - some sources claim that as many as 3 Million North Koreans starved to death.

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#5 - Hideki Tojo (Japan, 1941 - 1944)

8+ Million Deaths



(Hideki Tojo - 18 October 1941 - 22 July 1944)

Hideki Tojo, the Prime Minister of Japan when the attack on Pearl Harbour took place, is considered responsible for the murder of more than 8 Million people in China, Korea, the Philippines, Indochina, and other Pacific island nations. He was also responsible for the murder of tens of thousands of Allied Prisoners of War and for the approval of government-sanctioned biological experiments on Chinese civilians and POWs.

Some historians believe that there controversy over the extent of his responsibility, as he claimed to be working under the direct orders of Emperor Hirohito (who was granted immunity from war crimes prosecution). Consequently, some believe that Tojo and other convicted Japanese war criminals ultimately became martyrs for the Emperor.

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#4 - Joseph Stalin (USSR, 1934 - 39)

20+ Million Deaths



(Joseph Stalin - 18 December 1878 - 05 March 1953)

It is claimed that Joseph Stalin is responsible for the deaths of approximately 20 Million people, including up to 14.5 Million people who needlessly starved to death.

By Stalin's orders at least 1 Million people were executed for political "offences"; additionally 9.5 Million people were deported, exiled or imprisoned in work camps. Many of the estimated 5 Million who were sent to the "Gulag Archipelago" also died.

Other estimates place the number of deported at 28 Million, including 18 Million sent to the "Gulag".

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#3 - Adolf Hitler (Germany, 1939 - 1945)

43+ Million Deaths



(Adolf Hitler - 20 April 1889 - 30 April 1945)

It is claimed that Adolf Hitler in his bid for territorial conquest and racial subjugation caused the deaths of an estimated 43 Million people. This includes the death of an estimated 6 Million Jews as well as various other "undesirable" population groups.

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#2 - Mao Ze-Dong (China, 1958-61 and 1966 - 1969)

70+ Million Deaths



(Mao Zedong - 26 December 1893 - 09 September 1976)

Except for God, Mao Zedong, the leader of the Chinese Communist Party from 1935 until he died in 1976, is considered to be the world's greatest mass murderer. In his time approximately 70 Million Chinese, along with countless Tibetans, Mongolians, Manchus, Koreans, Hmong, Uyghurs, and other nationalities died by his order.

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#1 - God - Killed a Whole Planet

Countless Million Deaths



(God from "The Creation of Adam", Sistine Chapel ceiling, by Michelangelo)

The number one mass murderer of all time is God, who murdered all human life, save seven, on Planet Earth in cold blood.

Interviewer: 'Did you [God] wipe out all life on the Earth'

God: 'Yes... I saw the wickedness and disobedience of man... and it grieved me.' (Gen 6:5-6)

'...The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'

'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air.' (Gen 6:7)

Interviewer: 'Did you go ahead, and wipe everything out?'

God: 'Yes I did... nothing survived.'

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

*And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.
(Gen 7:21-23)*

See Gen 7:11-24 for the full report of God's destruction of all terrestrial life through his flood.

(From "An Interview With God", Campbell M Gold, <http://campbellmgold.com>)

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