


Fact Sheet

Major Genocides of the 20th and 21st Centuries


Note: Research continues on these genocides



Armenian Genocide

Dates: 1915-1923
Location: Ottoman Empire
Victims: Ethnic Armenians


Number killed: 800,000 – 1.5 million
Number of refugees or IDPs: 810,000



The Holocaust

Dates: 1933-1945
Location: Europe
Victims: Jews, Gypsies, Poles, Slavs, communists, homosexuals, Soviet POWs, Jehovah's Witnesses, people with mental and physical disabilities


Number killed: 11 million (6 million Jews)
Number of refugees or IDPs: 340,000 Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria



Cambodian Genocide

Dates: 1975-1983
Location: Cambodia (Southeast Asia)
Victims: Intellectuals, professionals, monks, religious enthusiasts, Buddhists, Muslims, Christians, ethnic Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, and Cambodians with Chinese, Vietnamese or Thai ancestry


Number killed: 2 million
Number of refugees or IDPs: Several hundred thousand



Guatemalan Genocide

Dates: 1982-1938
Location: Guatemala (Central America)
Victims: Indigenous Ixil Mayans

Number killed: 1,771
Number of refugees or IDPs: About 200,000



Genocide Against the Tutsis

Dates: April 6 – July 14, 1994
Location: Rwanda (Great Lakes Region – Africa)
Victims: Tutsis and moderate Hutus

Number killed: 800,000
Number of refugees or IDPs: 2 million



Bosnian Genocide (Srebrenica)

Dates: July 11 – 19, 1995

Location: Bosnia-Herzegovina (Europe)

Victims: Primarily Bosnian Muslim men and boys

Number killed: About 8,000

Number of refugees or IDPs: 50,000



Darfur Conflict*

**A comprehensive peace agreement was signed in 2006, however attacks still continue today. Human Rights Watch has described the situation as ethnic cleansing within the context of an armed conflict*

Dates: April 2003 – May 2006

Location: Darfur region of Sudan (Northeast Africa)

Victims: Non-Arabs, “Black” Sudanese, Christians, Animists

Number killed: 400,000

Number of refugees or IDPs: 6.9 million



Possible Genocide Against the Yezidi*

**A UN-authorized commission (the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic) found these ISIL crimes to constitute genocide; the perpetrators have not yet been prosecuted*

Dates: 1975-1983

Location: Kurdistan Region of Iraq (Middle East)

Victims: Yezidis

Number killed: About 1,000

Number of refugees or IDPs: Hundreds of thousands



Possible Genocide Against the Rohingya*

**A UN fact-finding mission recommended prosecution for genocide and crimes against humanity*

Dates: June 2012 – Present

Location: Rakhine State, Myanmar (Southeast Asia)

Victims: Rohingya (Muslim minority rendered stateless by national laws)

Number killed: 24,000

Number of refugees or IDPs: 700,000