

Greek Genocide

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During the years of 1914-1923, when the world was distracted by the turmoil and aftermath of the First World War the Ottoman Empire picked this time to start a genocide that affected the minorities of the country so harshly. Their sole object was to ensure an irreversible end to the collective existence of Turkey's Greek population. This caused 9 years of horrible massacres.

When:

This genocide occurred between the years of 1914-1923.

Who:

The people responsible are the Committee of Union and Progress, better known as the Young Turks and nationalist Kemalists by Mustafa Kemal "Ataturk" and the people affected are the Greeks living in the Turkey at that time.

History:

Casualties

Killed: Over one million Greeks were killed in this time period.

Maimed

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Orphaned

Widowed

Refugees: 218,447 Greeks were deported from their homes.

Physical Casualties

Cultural Casualties

International Response:

This situation wasn't realized till late because the international world was distracted by the turmoil and aftermath of the First World War, but in 1917 an organization named the Relief for Greeks of Asia Minor was formed in response to the deportation and massacres of Greeks in Turkey.

Aftermath:

The treaty of Lausanne was formed stating that the Empire of Turkey was the successor state of the dysfunctional Ottoman Empire. In 1923 a population exchange between Greece and Turkey was taken into effect resulting in a near-complete Greek ethnic presence in Turkey and the same in Greece with a huge disappearance of the any Turkish presence.

Documentation:

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