

HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI, JAPAN • AUGUST 6 & 9, 1945



The U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb over the heart of Hiroshima. The uranium 235 fissile material exploded into an atomic fireball heating to one million degrees centigrade within a fraction of a second. The U.S. dropped a second bomb over Nagasaki three days later. The plutonium 239 fissile material

exploded over the outskirts of the city causing a blast with winds up to 630 miles per hour. Black radioactive rain fell for hours.

Tens of thousands of persons were instantly killed from the combined effect of the blast, heat, and ionizing radiation in Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Tens of thousands more would die in the months, years and decades to follow from the delayed effects including radiation-induced cancers, immunologic disorders, birth defects, and lasting psychological traumas.

My spoon was lifted when the bomb came down
That left no face, no hand, no spoon to hold.
Two hundred thousand died in my hometown.
This came to pass before my soup was cold.

— NAOMI REPLANSKI, from *Women On War*

“One tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is that this historically unprecedented devastation of human society stemmed from essentially experimental and political aims.”

— Japanese Committee for the Compilation of Materials on Damage Caused by the Atomic Bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki

CUT THE FUNDING FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

- **Since the beginning** of the nuclear age, more than \$5.8 trillion dollars of U.S. taxpayer money have been spent on nuclear weapons.¹
- **The nuclear-armed states** possess a combined total of roughly 15,000 nuclear warheads: Russia (6,850), U.S. (6,550), France (300), China (280), United Kingdom (215), Pakistan (145), India (135), Israel (80), North Korea (15).²
- **In 2017, 122 nations at the U. N.** agreed to seek approval of Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty, while the U.S. president refused to participate and instead boasts about the size of his “nuclear button”³
- **The Pentagon’s nuclear modernization** plan is projected to cost nearly \$2 trillion over three decades.⁴

¹ Brookings Institute, brookings.edu

² Arms Control Assoc., armscontrol.org

³ ICANW, icanw.org/

⁴ “Nukes Are The New Normal,” thenation.com

“The nuclear bomb is the most anti-democratic, anti-national, anti-human, outright evil thing that man has ever made.... This world of ours is four billion, six hundred million years old. It could end in an afternoon.”

— Arundhati Roy, author and political activist in India

“States must never make civilians the object of attack and must consequently never use weapons that are incapable of distinguishing between civilians and military targets.”

— International Court of Justice (Op., § 78)

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