

HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI 6 & 9 AUGUST 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, *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

Don't Buy Them

- The nuclear-armed states possess a combined total of roughly 12,400 nuclear warheads: Russia (5,580), United States (5,225), China (600), France (290), Britain (225), India (172), Pakistan (170), Israel (90), North Korea (50).¹
- The 9 nuclear nations spend about \$12 million an hour maintaining and modernizing their nuclear arsenals.²
- The Pentagon's nuclear modernization plan is projected to cost about \$95 billion a year for the next 10 years.³
- More than 90 countries signed the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. No nuclear nation has signed on, and most are headed the wrong way.⁴

¹Arms Control Assoc., armscontrol.org, ²ICANW, icanw.org, ³Congressional Budget Office, cbo.gov, ⁴CANW, icanw.org

Don't Own Them

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“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

“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 & political activist in India