

# **The Tribunal of the Fallen Sun**

**Agenda:** The Tokyo Trials, following Japan's surrender in World War 2, August 1945

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*“End to war is not an end to justice.”*

No longer does the mechanical hum of decimation echo the Tokyo skies. A simple five days have passed since the emperor declared his defeat on the radio, bestowing upon his people the kindest mercy he has offered thus far. The bloodied and battered lands of East Asia, long exhausted from massacres, murders and mass brutality, now wait with bated breath. Emperor Hirohito and his high command face yet another war against the West; only this time, in the courtroom.

The fate of the nation, the torchbearers of its downfall, the Japanese High Command, now await trial. Forced to address the consequences of their crimes, the military men of Japan must confront their own reflections in the river of blood they left screaming in their wake. With the emperor claiming surrender the loud screams on the battlefields have now fallen silent. City to city, Province to province, evidence is being burnt, and leaders are taking their own lives. Japan finds itself in disarray, lacking any political system. Prolonged wars have also drained the country economically. Its cities have been brought to shambles, with its citizens crushed. Having signed no document stating its official surrender, its future remains uncertain. But not all citizens' hopes have been extinguished. Their conscience and heterodoxical ideology still push them to fight. To address this sensitive issue, 'The Tribunal of the Fallen Sun' was conceived.

Delegates will broadly split up into the Allied and the Axis powers and will be given the task to put forward and defend accusations and question accountability. But the road will not be straight; delegates would have to navigate through sudden twists and turns, which can flip tables or even perceptions. The tribunal shall not only determine punishments but also precedents, as the decisions taken by the delegates today will shape the essence of justice in the future in this dihybrid crisis committee.

As the tribunal convenes, this is no longer a question of victory or defeat. It's about accountability. The men who once issued orders from behind the maps now face consequences for their actions. This forum exists to examine decisions and determine whether those actions can be justified. Delegates are expected to present arguments, challenge narratives, and assess responsibility based on evidence rather than allegiance. The outcome will depend on how convincingly accountability is argued and defended.

*“The Sun may have fallen, but its shadows still lurk the world.”*

