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British, German and Belgian Genocides

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[2] Von Trotha

The British, the Germans and Belgians are among those who have carried out genocides – as bad as anything carried out by the Israelis.

On 7 February 2009, Sean Thomas, in The Mail, wrote about <u>Germany's genocide</u> <u>inside Africa's 'Forbidden Zone'</u> [3]

Among the points made:

1. In the early 20th Century, the Germans wanted to grab Namibia's diamonds.

Between 1904 and 1907, the Germans killed off many of the local population.

Shark Island, off the coast of Namibia, became an extermination camp where the native population could be disposed of.



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3 There was massive genocide in Sperrgebiet, in diamond-rich south-west Namibia.

German imperialist Lieutenant General Lothar von Trotha was in charge of the killing.

The Kaiser's instructions were to 'emulate the Huns' in savagery.

In 1907, Von Trotha decided to exterminate the entire Herero people.



[5] Herero

Guards were stationed at waterholes so the people couldn't drink; many wells were deliberately poisoned.

Hundreds of people died of thirst.

"Children went mad among the corpses of their parents; the buzzing of the flies was deafening. Paralysed people were eaten alive by leopards and jackals."

Some women and children were shot.

The official German Imperial report stated: `The death rattle of the dying and the furious screams of madness . . . faded away in the sublime silence of infinitude.'

Historians estimate that 60,000 died.

The German official in charge of Namibian government during this time was Heinrich Goering – the father of Hitler's Reichsmarshall.

The Hereros filed a lawsuit in the United States in 2001 demanding reparations from the German government and <u>Deutsche Bank</u> ^[6], which financed the German government and companies in Southern Africa. [25] ^[7][17] ^[8]

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[10] **1857 Indian Mutiny**

Randeep Ramesh, in The Guardian, on 24 August 2007, wrote about how the British allegedly killed almost 10 million people in one particular act of genocide.

India's secret history: 'A holocaust, one where millions disappeared. [11]

Among the points made:

- 1. In 1857 the Indian Mutiny took place.
- **2.** In War of Civilisations: India AD 1857, Amaresh Misra argues that almost 10 million Indians died between 1857 and 1867, largely as a result of the policies of the British.

Misra talks about the destruction of entire populations in towns and villages.

3. British labour force records show a drop in manpower of between a fifth and a third across vast parts of India.

One British official records states "on account of the undisputed display of British power, necessary during those terrible and wretched days – millions of wretches seemed to have died."



[12] Famine in Madras 1876. The British did not look after the Indians t00 well.

4. Shabi Ahmad, head of the 1857 project at the Indian Council of Historical Research. "It could have been migration rather than murder that depopulated areas."

British historian, Saul David, author of The Indian Mutiny, said of Misra's figures: "It looks like an overestimate. There were definitely famines that cost millions of lives, which were exacerbated by British ruthlessness. You don't need these figures or talk of holocausts to hammer imperialism. It has a pretty bad track record."

5 Misra's book claims the fighting stretched across India.

Misra claims that the uprisings did not die out until years after the original mutiny.



[13] Leopold II

Leopold II (1835 - 1909)) was King of the Belgians, and a first cousin of Queen Victoria.

Leopold II was reported to be a client of Mary Jeffries's "Rose Cottage" flagellation house and brothel in Hampstead, London. $\fbox{1}$ $^{\fbox{14}}$

(The Belgian monarchy was reportedly linked to the Dutroux scandal and other scandals – BBC News EUROPE Belgian king wins paedophile rebuttal [15] / Chateau des Amerois – Mother of Darkness Castle [16])



[17] Victim of the Belgians

Leopold II was the founder and sole owner of the Congo Free State, now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

One white officer described a raid to punish a Congolese village that had protested against Belgian actions. The white officer in command: "ordered us to cut off the heads of the men and hang them on the village palisades, also their sexual members, and to hang the women and the children on the palisade in the form of a cross." (Mass crimes against humanity in the Congo Free State [18])



[19] Victims of the Belgians

As the BBC points out, the Congolese learnt from the Belgians.

"Congo's soldiers have never moved away from the role allocated to them by Leopold – as a force to coerce, torment and rape an unarmed civilian population." – (<u>BBC NEWS Africa King Leopold's legacy of DR Congo violence</u> [20])

According to Wikipedia, "The extraction of rubber and ivory in the Congo relied on forced labour and resulted in the massacre and mutilation of millions of Congolese (roughly half the population at the time).

"He ran the Congo as his personal fiefdom; for him it was a business venture...

"As <u>Adam Hochschild</u> ^[21] describes in <u>King Leopold's Ghost</u> ^[22], France, Germany and Portugal were quick to adopt the Congolese methods in those parts of their colonies where natural rubber occured, imposing a similar death toll on the natives." (<u>Leopold II of Belgium – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia</u> ^[23])



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Belgian UN troops admit to 'roasting' Somali boy [25]

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