



# UNTOLD GENOCIDES OF HISTORY

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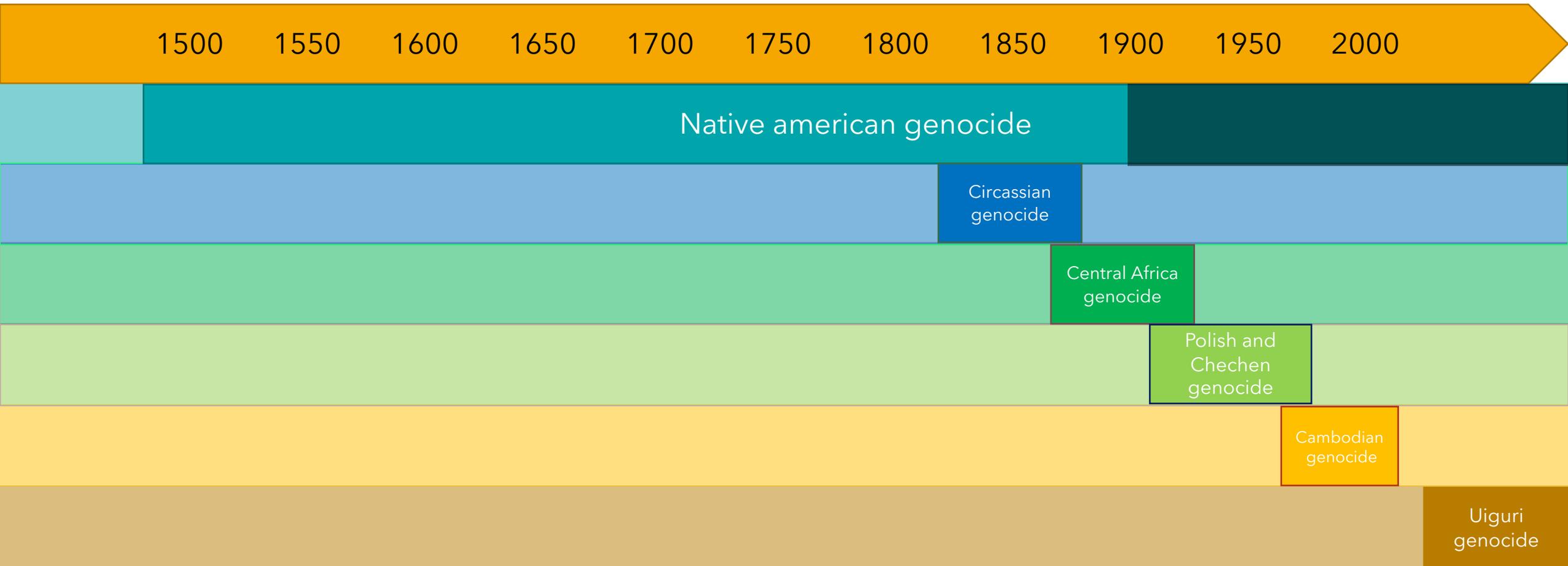


# INTRODUCTION

Genocide is the intentional action to destroy a people usually defined as an ethnic, national, racial, or religious group in whole or in part.

- In 1944, Raphael Lemkin created the term genocide in his book *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*. The book describes the implementation of Nazi policies in occupied Europe and cites earlier mass killings.
- The term is described in UN Security Council Resolution 1674, adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 28 April 2006, regarding the responsibility to protect populations from genocide.

# TIMELINE



# NATIVE AMERICAN GENOCIDE

- Since 1492, when Cristopher Columbus discovered the American continent Europeans committed continuously genocides toward the native populations.
- The first where the Spanish who exterminated 75% of southern American population such as Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas in a bit less than 150 years. The natives mostly died of starvation and of diseases brought by the colonizers.
- Soon after British and French started colonizing the northern part of America, mass killing and slaving the entire native Indian population. This genocide went on until the beginning of the XX century.
- Is estimated that the total amount of deaths related to this abomination is almost 100 million of people.
- Still since 1980s the expanding economies of American's countries threatened the survival of this population, that are now obliged to live in protected areas just like endangered animals.



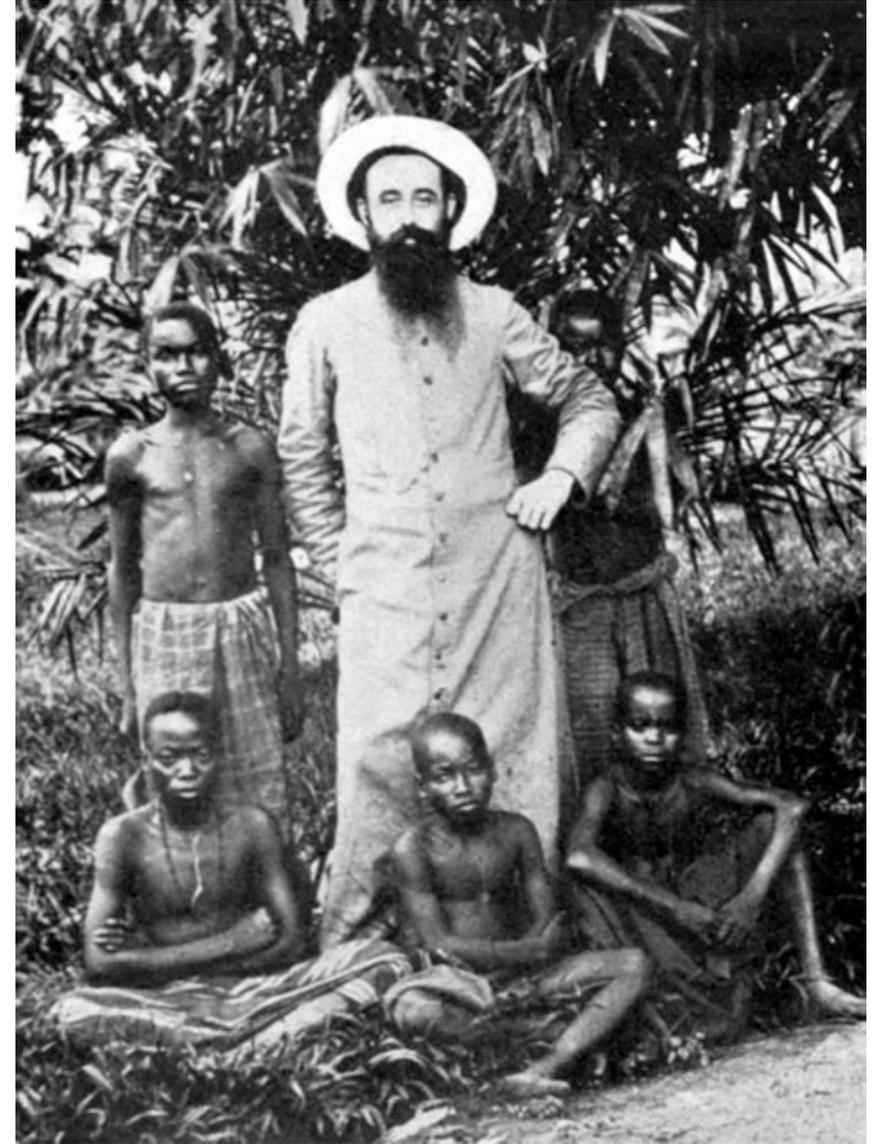
# TSARIST RUSSIA CIRCASSIAN GENOCIDE

- Russia defines the event as "nothing but a simple migration" was the Russian Empire's systematic mass murder, ethnic cleaning, forced migration and expulsion of at least 75% of the Circassian population from their homeland Circassia, which roughly encompassed the major part of the North Caucasus and the northeast shore of the Black Sea. Russian generals such as Grigory Zass described the Circassians as "subhuman filth", and justified their killing and use in scientific experiments. This occurred in the aftermath of the Russo-Circassian War in the second half of the 19th century. The displaced people were settled primarily to the Ottoman Empire.



# LEOPOLD II OF BELGIUM IN CENTRAL AFRICA

- On 5 February 1885, a part of central Africa, an area 76 times larger than Belgium, was established under Leopold II's personal rule.
- Leopold amassed a huge personal fortune by exploiting the natural resources of the Congo.
- He starts using the native as slaves in his rubber company. Abuse, mutilation and widespread killings was common when the production quotas were not met.
- Estimates of the death toll range from one million to fifteen million. This slavery and genocide of central Africa people it lasted until the death of Leopold II in 1909.



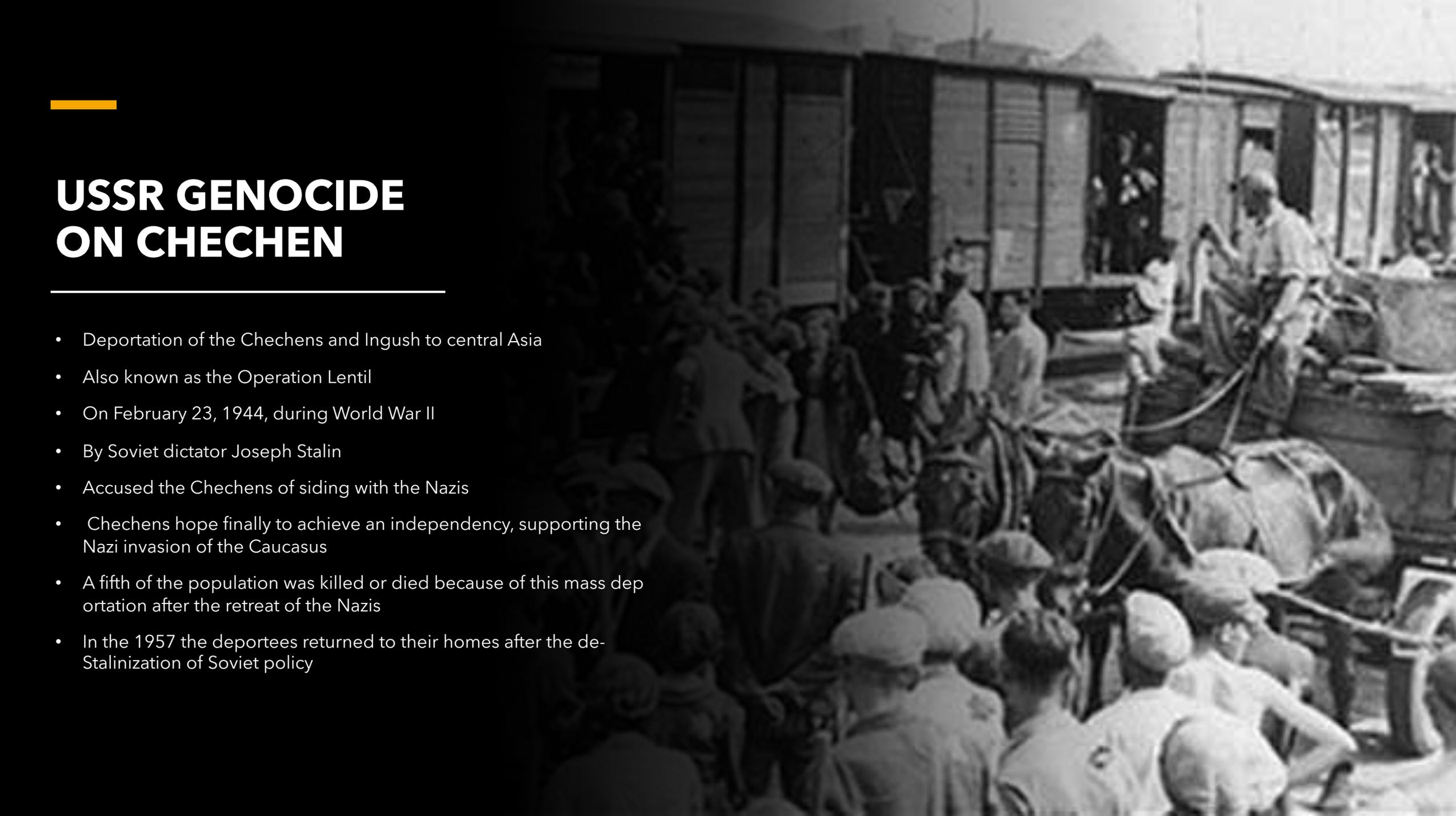


# USSR GENOCIDE ON POLISH

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- The Katyn massacre was a series of mass executions of Polish military officers' prisoners (1939 attack by soviet and Nazi Germany) for an amount of 22,000
- In April and May 1940
- The prisoners were Carried out by the Soviet Union (NKVD)
- The massacre is named after the Katyn Forest where some of the mass graves were found (1943)
- The massacre was initiated in NKVD chief Lavrentiy Beria's proposal to Stalin to execute all captive members of the Polish officer corps
- The USSR claimed the Nazis had killed the victims, and it continued to deny responsibility for the massacres until 1990 when officially recognized and condemned the killings by the NKVD





# USSR GENOCIDE ON CHECHEN

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- Deportation of the Chechens and Ingush to central Asia
- Also known as the Operation Lentil
- On February 23, 1944, during World War II
- By Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin
- Accused the Chechens of siding with the Nazis
- Chechens hope finally to achieve an independency, supporting the Nazi invasion of the Caucasus
- A fifth of the population was killed or died because of this mass deportation after the retreat of the Nazis
- In the 1957 the deportees returned to their homes after the de-Stalinization of Soviet policy

# POL POT CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE

- The Cambodian genocide lasted from 1975 to 1979. More than 20% of the Cambodian population was killed (1.5-3 million deaths). This genocide was caused by Pol Pot's land reform which forced Cambodians to move to labor camps where forced labor, physical abuse, malnutrition and mass executions were common. This ended when the Vietnamese government invaded Cambodia and tumbled the government. This massacre causes massive migration to Vietnam and Thailand. Only in 2001 did the Cambodian government set up a court to punish the people behind the genocide.



# UIGURI GENOCIDE IN CHINA

- Since 2017, the Chinese government under the Xi Jinping Administration has pursued a policy which has led to more than one million Muslims (most of them Uyghurs) being held in secretive detention camps without any legal process. Critics of the policy have described it as the Sinicization of Xinjiang and have called it a cultural genocide.
- Critics have highlighted the concentration of Uyghurs in state-sponsored re-education camps, suppression of Uyghur religious practices, political indoctrination, severe ill-treatment and testimonials of alleged human rights abuses including forced sterilization and contraception. Chinese government statistics show that from 2015 to 2018, birth rates in the mostly Uyghur regions of Hotan and Kashgar plunged by more than 60%. In the same period, the birth rate of the whole country decreased by 9.69%.

