

Genocide Breaks Out in Rwanda

What Was It?

The Rwandan Genocide was a period of 100 days, during the Rwandan Civil War, between April 7th and July 15th, 1994 in which militias slaughtered members of minority ethnic groups, such as the Tutsi. This occurred in the Eastern African country of Rwanda. It happened because tensions were arising between the Hutus and Tutsis, so the Hutus made it a mission to wipe out all of the Tutsis. By the end of it all, over 1 million people had been killed.



Government Response

Following the genocide, Rwanda has passed several laws that set measures into place that help to prevent genocides from happening again within their country. And if something similar were to spark, a system for what actions to be taken has been set into place.

Non-Government Response

Outside organizations and groups did what ever they could to help those affected by the genocide. "Non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, and bi-lateral aid agencies churned into high gear, delivered thousands of tons of material relief, provided a certain level of coherence to the overall effort, and saved tens of thousands of refugees and internally displaced people from death due to starvation and disease," ([ReliefWeb](#)).

What Can Be Done Now? (Restated From My 7.06 Assignment)

Obviously we can't go back in time to change the past, nor would that be the desired thing to do. We know what happened, so let's take what we know and use that to prevent things like that from happening again. If we don't remember it, then history will repeat itself. That is why history is important, and why it should be preserved. Like in today's world, statues and all sorts of things are being changed around and/or destroyed. Let's just accept the fact that bad things happened in the past, and use that to help prevent it from happening again. If we don't know what happened in the past, history will end up repeating itself. Even though a lot of terrible things have happened throughout history, in which I accept the fact, it is important that we know what happened, to help guide us in the future. Never forget what happened.