

Rape of Nanking, Dec 13 1937

In late 1937, over a period of 6 weeks, Japanese troops invaded the city of Nanking, and brutally murdered hundreds of thousands of soldiers and innocent people. While doing this, they also sexually assaulted between 20,000 and 80,000 women. Following the Japanese victory in Shanghai, they turned their attention to Nanking, and the Chinese National Leader Chiang Kai-Shek ordered the evacuation of near all Chinese troops stationed there, leaving the city defenseless. He also forbid the official evacuation of normal citizens, and many ignored the order, but those who didn't were left to the enemy. The lasting effects of this event stretched out for many years to come, with the Japanese saying the Chinese exaggerated the death tolls, and some even saying the massacre never happened. Chinese spent many years to rebuild the once beautiful city. To this day Sino-Japanese relationships are angered over these events. The true nature of the massacre has been disputed and exploited for propaganda purposes by historical revisionists, apologists and Japanese nationalists.

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