



Hiroshima Day 2024

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[Hiroshima Day](#) is observed on August 6th to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, by the US during [World War II](#) on August 6th, 1945.

- On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the **US dropped an atomic bomb called "[Little Boy](#)," on Hiroshima** using the B-29 bomber Enola Gay.
 - Approximately **70,000-80,000 people were killed instantly**, with many more dying later from injuries and radiation.
- On August 9, 1945, the **US dropped a second atomic bomb, "[Fat Man](#),"** on Nagasaki, leading to Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, and ending World War II.
- It marked the **first use of [nuclear weapons](#) in warfare** and led to Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, effectively ending World War II.
- **General Douglas MacArthur** and other top commanders supported continued conventional bombing and a planned massive invasion, "**Operation Downfall**," which was estimated to result in up to **1 million US casualties**.
 - To **avoid such high casualties, President Truman** decided to use the **atomic bomb**.
- In December 1941, the US government launched the [Manhattan Project](#) to develop the bomb under the leadership of **J. Robert Oppenheimer**.
- The incident of atomic bombing gave birth to the [Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty \(CTBT\)](#), [Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty](#), Limited Test Ban Treaty, [Nuclear Suppliers Group](#), etc. to restrict proliferation of nuclear weapons.

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