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## THE KALAVRYTA HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED December 13<sup>th</sup> 1943

*Montreal, December 13, 2023*--- Eighty years ago, Nazi forces executed innocent civilians and the entire town of Kalavryta was burned to the ground.

On December 13, 1943, at the merciless hands of the German Army's 117<sup>th</sup> Jager Division – in retaliation of 78 German soldiers killed by the Greek Resistance – the entire male population of Kalavryata was exterminated and women and children were gathered and put into a school, which was then set ablaze.

It was a terrible and horrific act committed by the Nazis against civilians; one of the worst massacres committed in Greece by the occupying Nazis.

We must not forget this tragic event. We honour and remember those who perished at the hands of the brutal and inhuman Nazis. We must ensure that their sacrifices were not in vain and that these brutal acts never again take place.

May their memory be eternal...

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