

POST 9/11 THE DESTRUCTION, DEATHS AND COSTS



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20 years on from the September 11 horror, AFIC has collated information that should be readily available to members of our community as well as any person who is interested in the cost of war and violence.

The figures in this presentation show that nations must balance their resources and focus on peace rather than violent retribution. September 11 brought disasters to the international community on many levels, it led to the rise of fascist regimes and the introduction of draconian laws under the fear of terrorism. In this presentation, we start with the cost to the United States and to the nations that they directly attacked after September 11.

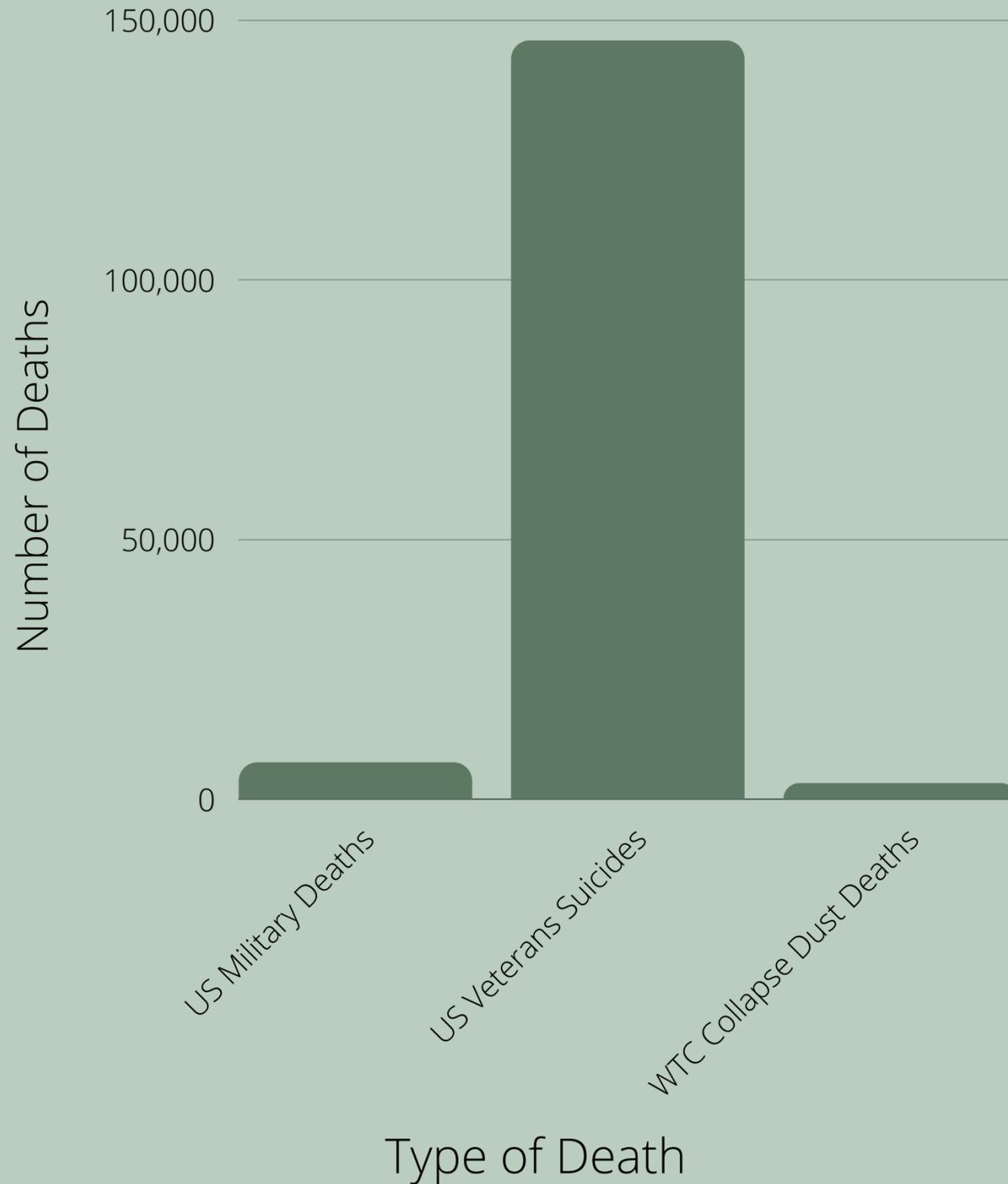
In section 2 of the presentation, we highlight escalations in attacks on Muslims, attacks that we believe would not and could not occur in a pre-September 11 environment. September 11 created an opening for failed leaders to shift the blame and thereby persecute Muslims. Inspired by the research of Associate Professor Dr Gideon Polya's Countercurrents paper of 20 September 2021, AFIC's Legal Support Officer collated the data for this presentation as a reminder and a reference so that humanity does not forget.

The \$8 trillion long-term accrual fiscal cost

The long-term accrual cost of the War on Terror to America (e.g. taking debt interest payments and long-term commitments to veterans into account) has been expertly estimated at \$3 trillion for the Iraq War and \$2 trillion for the Afghan War. Brown University: "A report from the Costs of War project at Brown University revealed that 20 years of post-9/11 wars have cost the US an estimated \$8 trillion and have killed more than 900,000 people."* (The pre-war sanctions and blockade are estimated to have killed nearly two million Iraqis).



Post 9/11 Deaths



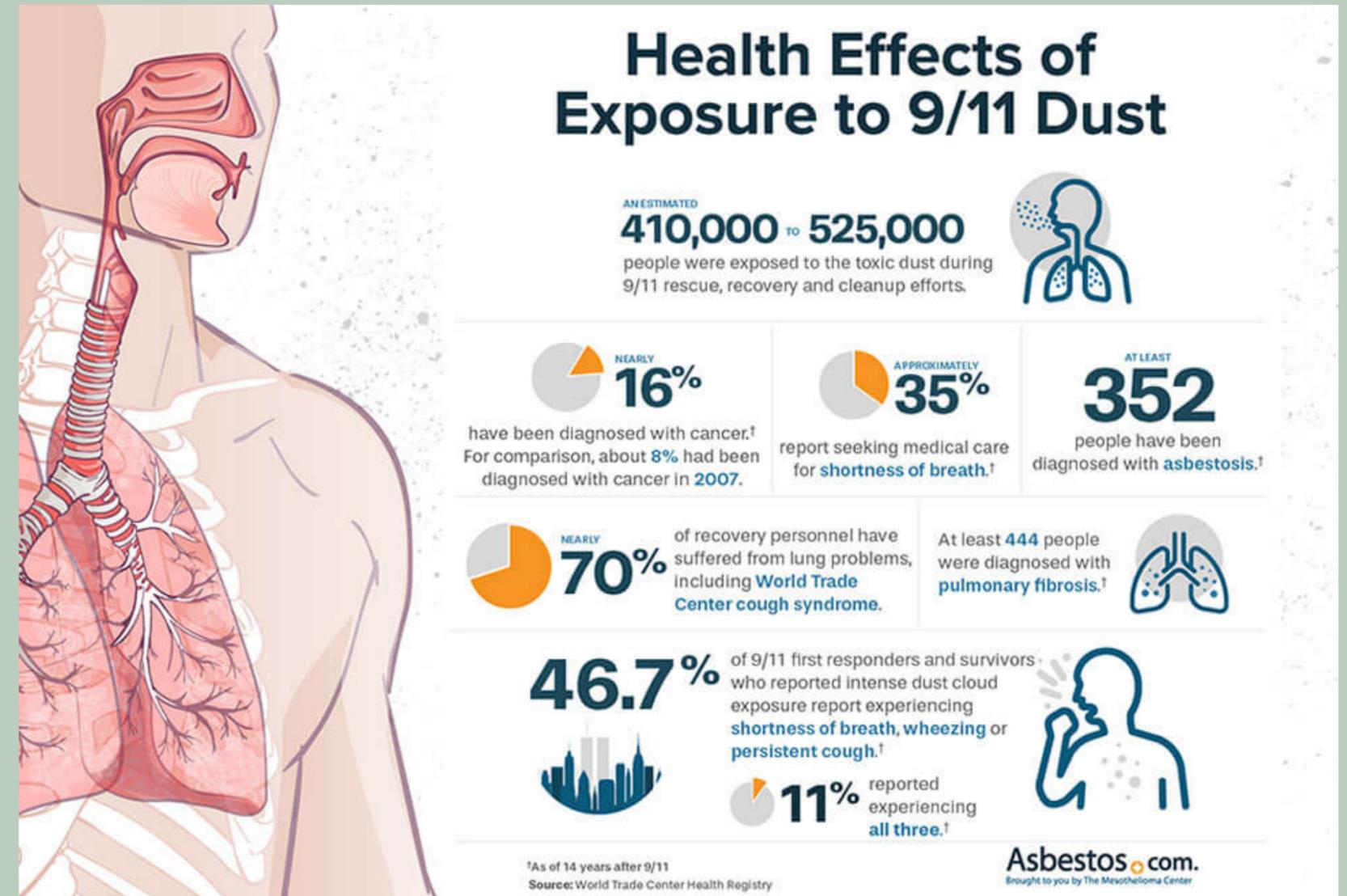
SOURCE: GIDEON POLYA

DEATHS IN THE LAST 2 DECADES POST 9/11

POST-9/11 US MILITARY DEATHS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WERE 2,465 AND 4,586 RESPECTIVELY, FOR A TOTAL OF 7,051.

THE US VETERAN SUICIDE STATISTICS ARE HORRENDOUS - OVER THE LAST 2 DECADES THEY HAVE AVERAGED 20 PER DAY

ABOUT 3,000 DEATHS FROM 9/11-RELATED DISEASE FROM WTC COLLAPSE DUST. IT WAS ESTIMATED IN 2018 THAT DEATHS FROM 9/11 DISEASES AFFLICTING THOSE EXPOSED TO THE TOXIC DUST FROM THE DEMOLITION OF THE WTC BUILDINGS WOULD SOON OUTNUMBER THE VIOLENT DEATHS ON 9/11.



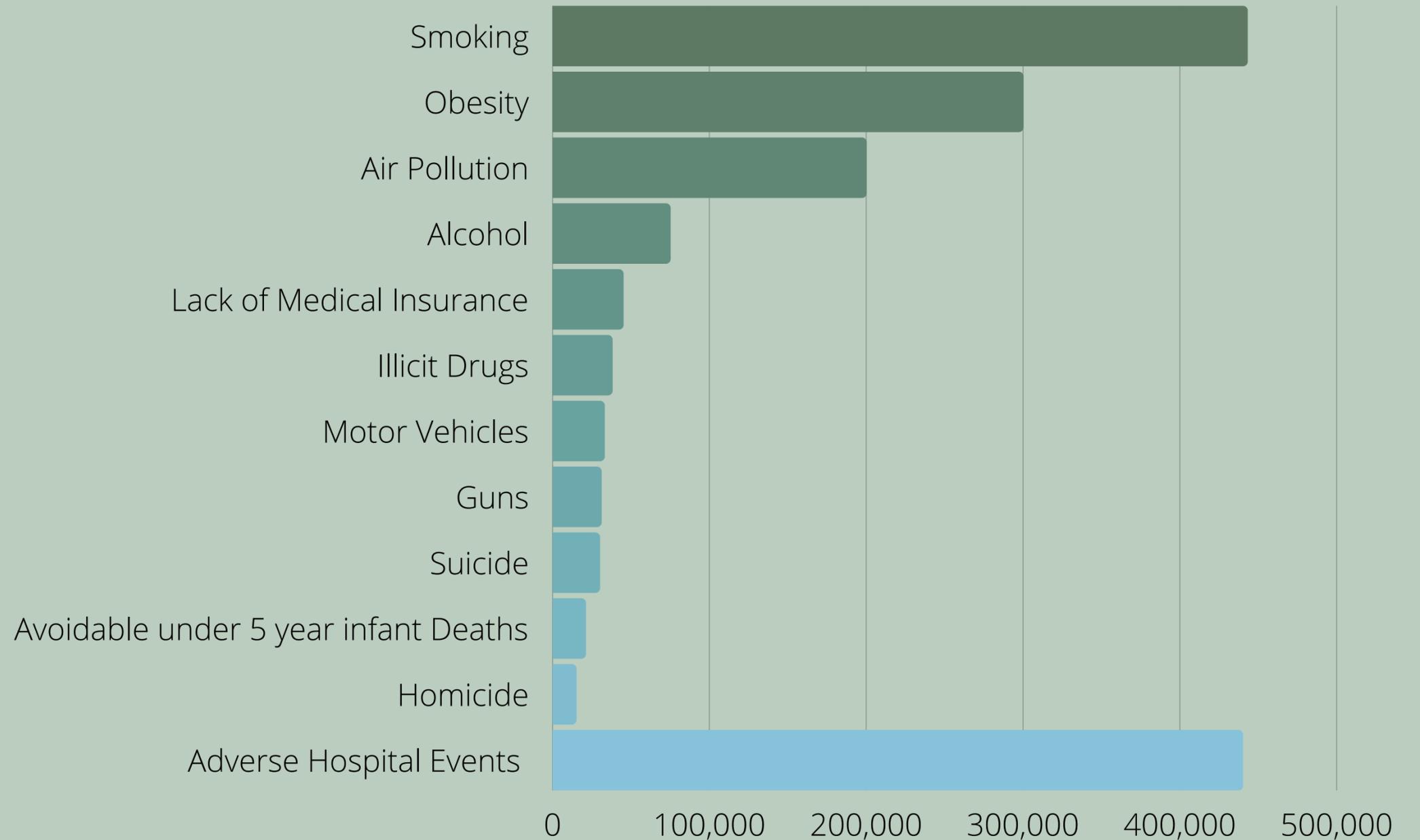
Percentages of Dust exposure are after 14 years

2017 US Death Toll

Post 9/11- America recorded an estimated **34 Million** preventable deaths in 2017 with Adverse Hospital Events, Smoking, Obesity and Air Pollution ranking in the highest death tolls.

As of 2020, 3.0 million Americans die each year, 57% of these are from preventable causes.

The US Government did not adequately address the root causes of the nation's rising death toll, but had focused its funding on other areas.



Muslim Deaths Post 9/11



32 million Muslim deaths were recorded from violence and deprivation in the post-9/11 War on Terror. It was estimated in 2015 that 32 million Muslims had died from violence, 5 million and from war-imposed deprivation 27 million in 20 countries invaded by the US Alliance since 9/11.



If we take a look at the previous slide, 34 Million Americans were recorded to have died from preventable deaths in 2017. One can conclude that since 9/11 successive American Governments have committed \$8 trillion to killing 32 million Muslims abroad (half of them children) rather than trying to keep 34 million Americans alive at home. Total deaths = 68 million, this is very close to the estimated deaths in world war 2 (75 million)

The following slides detail the death tolls that have occurred since the 9/11 attack. These countries include

- Afghanistan

- Iraq

- Pakistan

- Somalia

- Iran

- Palestine

- Yemen

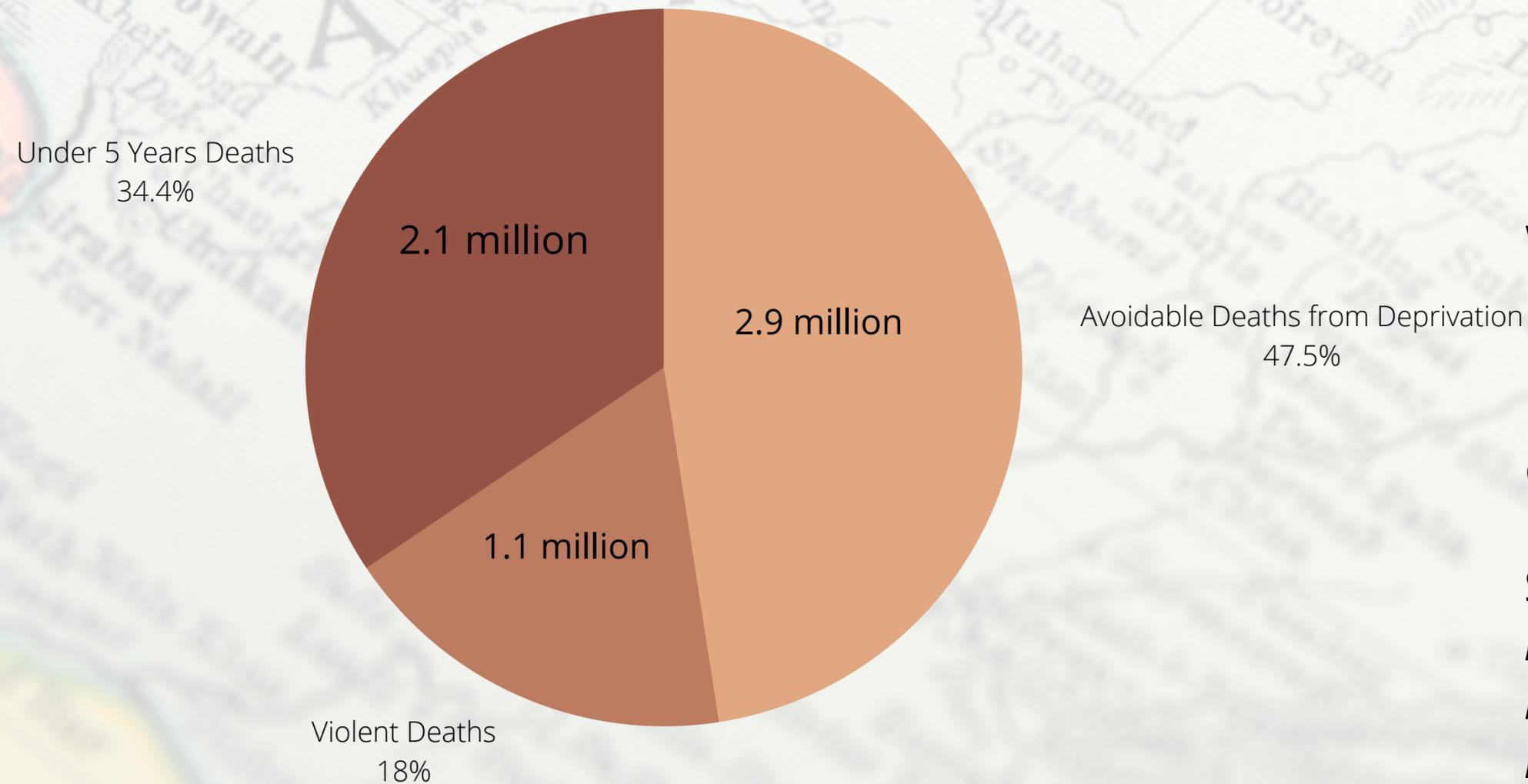
- Libya

- Syria

AFGHAN HOLOCAUST AND AFGHAN GENOCIDE DEATHS (2001-2021)



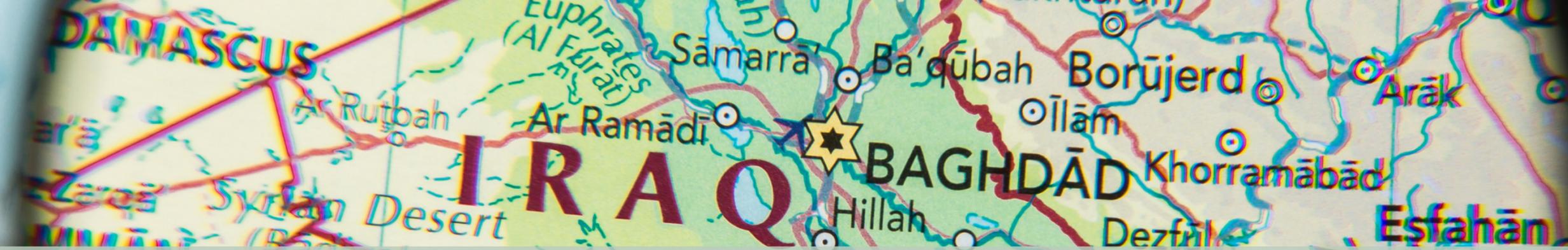
Death Rate



War, ethnic cleansing and genocide are the penultimate in racism, noting that “holocaust” implies a huge number of deaths. Article 2 of the UN Genocide Convention defines genocide as “acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group”. The Afghan Holocaust and Afghan Genocide (2001-2021) has been associated with 5.2 million Afghan deaths from war-imposed deprivation and an estimated 1.6 million violent deaths.

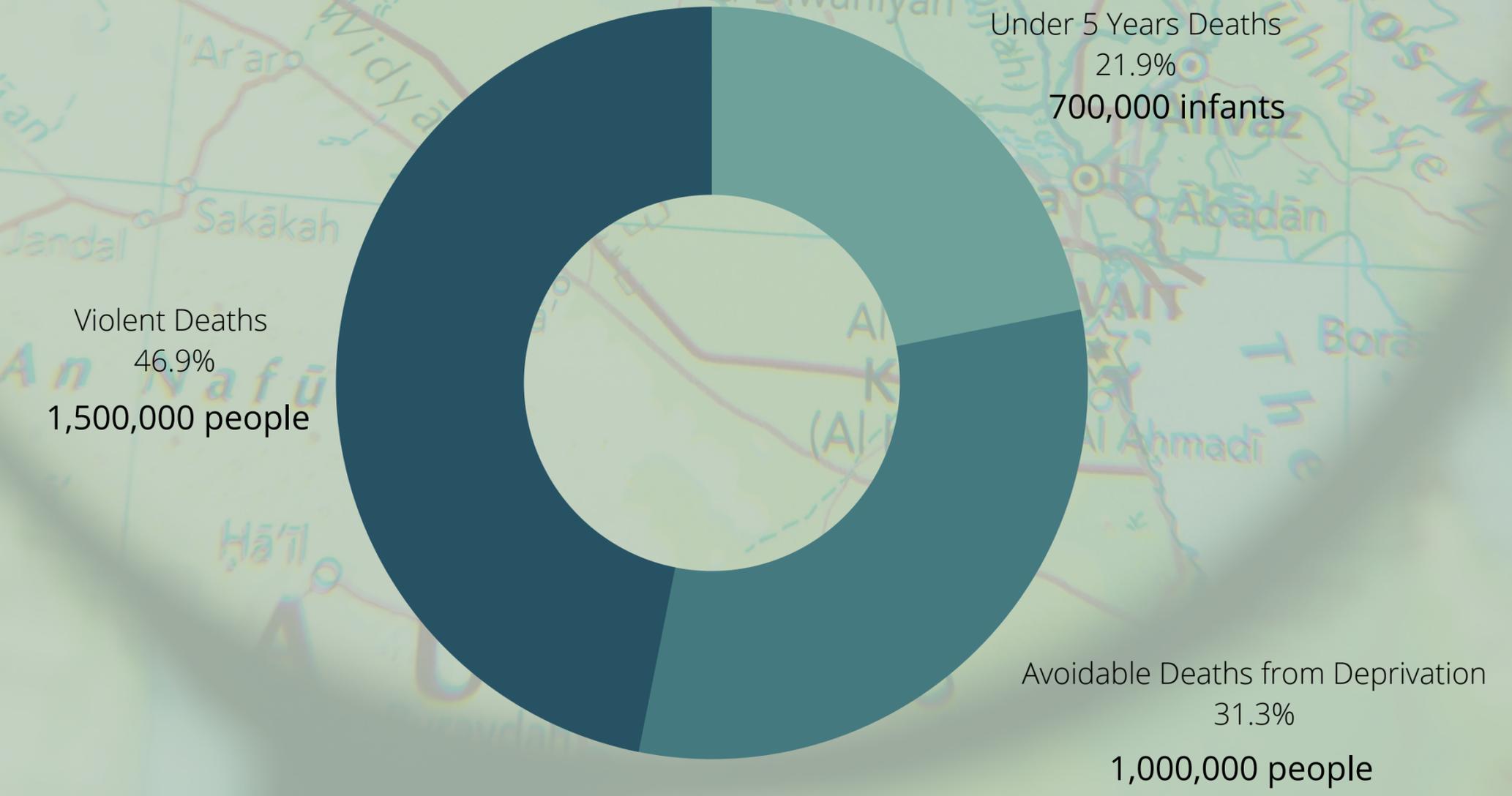
Source:

<https://countercurrents.org/2021/08/afghan-holocaust-the-awful-truth-versus-us-alliance-lies/>



IRAQI HOLOCAUST AND IRAQI GENOCIDE DEATHS (2001-2021)

Just like the Afghan Holocaust and Genocide, there have been mass casualties of innocent Iraqi civilians over the years because of the racist and religious hubris existing among those with overwhelming military might.



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In a 24 September 2021 Speech before the UN General Assembly, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan listed some of the September 11 costs to Pakistan as follows:

"80,000 Pakistanis died. \$150 billion dollars were lost to our economy. There were 3.5 million internally displaced Pakistanis."

Source: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/09/1101222>

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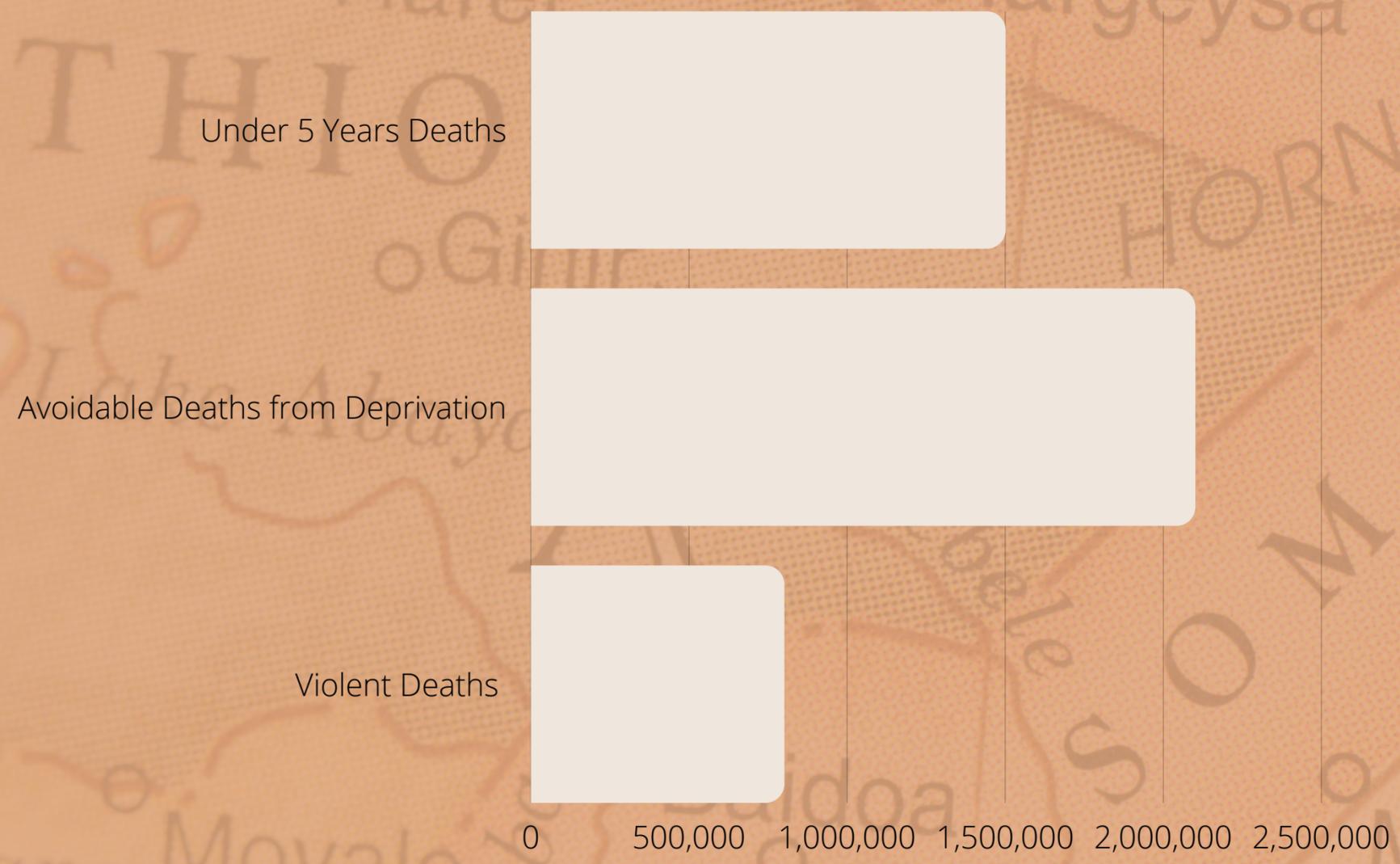
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SOMALI HOLOCAUST AND SOMALI GENOCIDE DEATHS (2001-2021)



Under-5 infant deaths 1.5 million; avoidable deaths from deprivation 2.1 million; violent deaths 0.8 million (based on Afghan War comparisons); total violent deaths plus avoidable deaths from deprivation 2.9 million.

IRANIAN GENOCIDE: DEATHS FROM SANCTIONS (2001-2021).

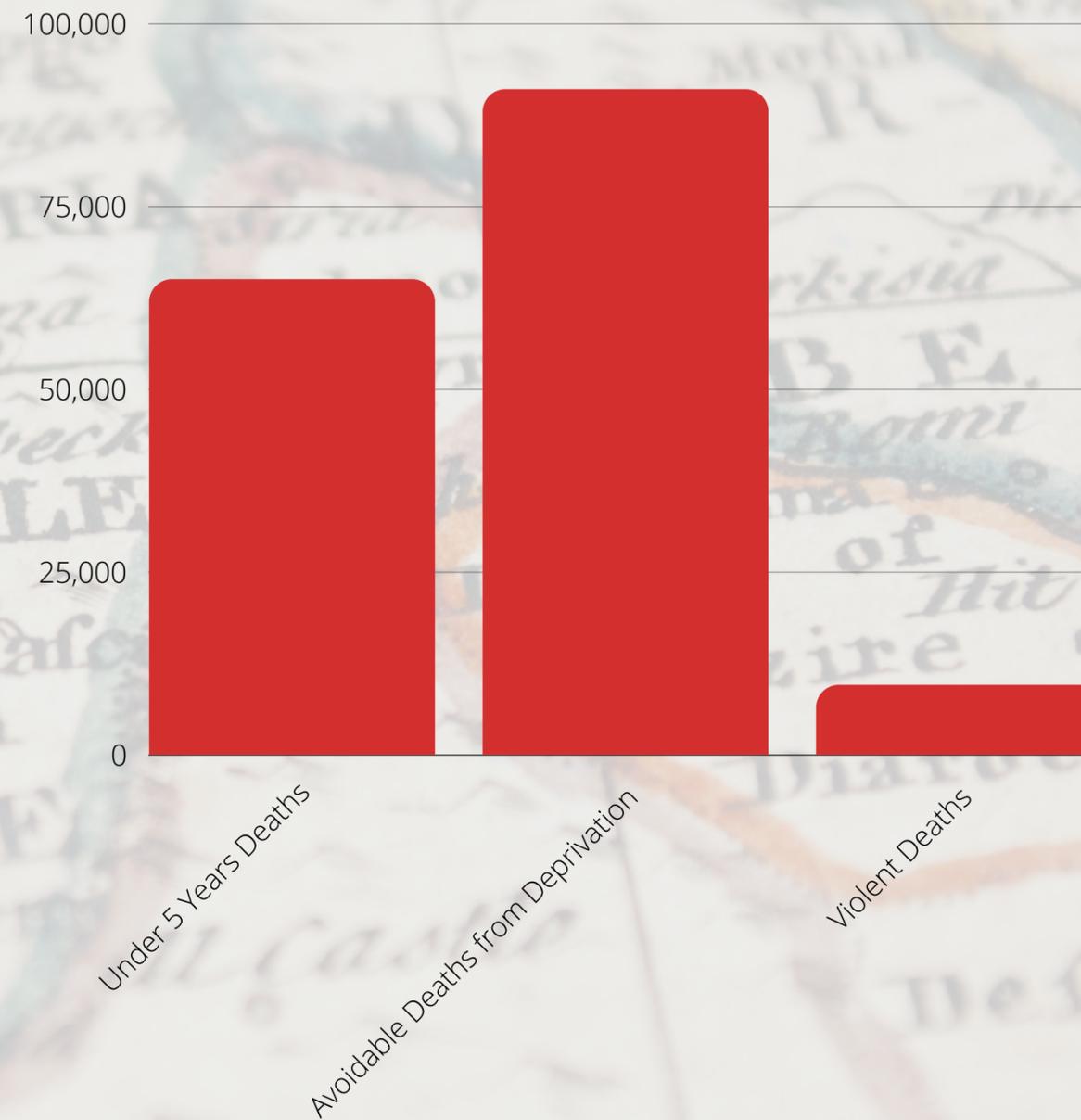


535,000 children under the age of 5 years have died. 750,000 people have also died from avoidable deaths from deprivation under the sanctions.

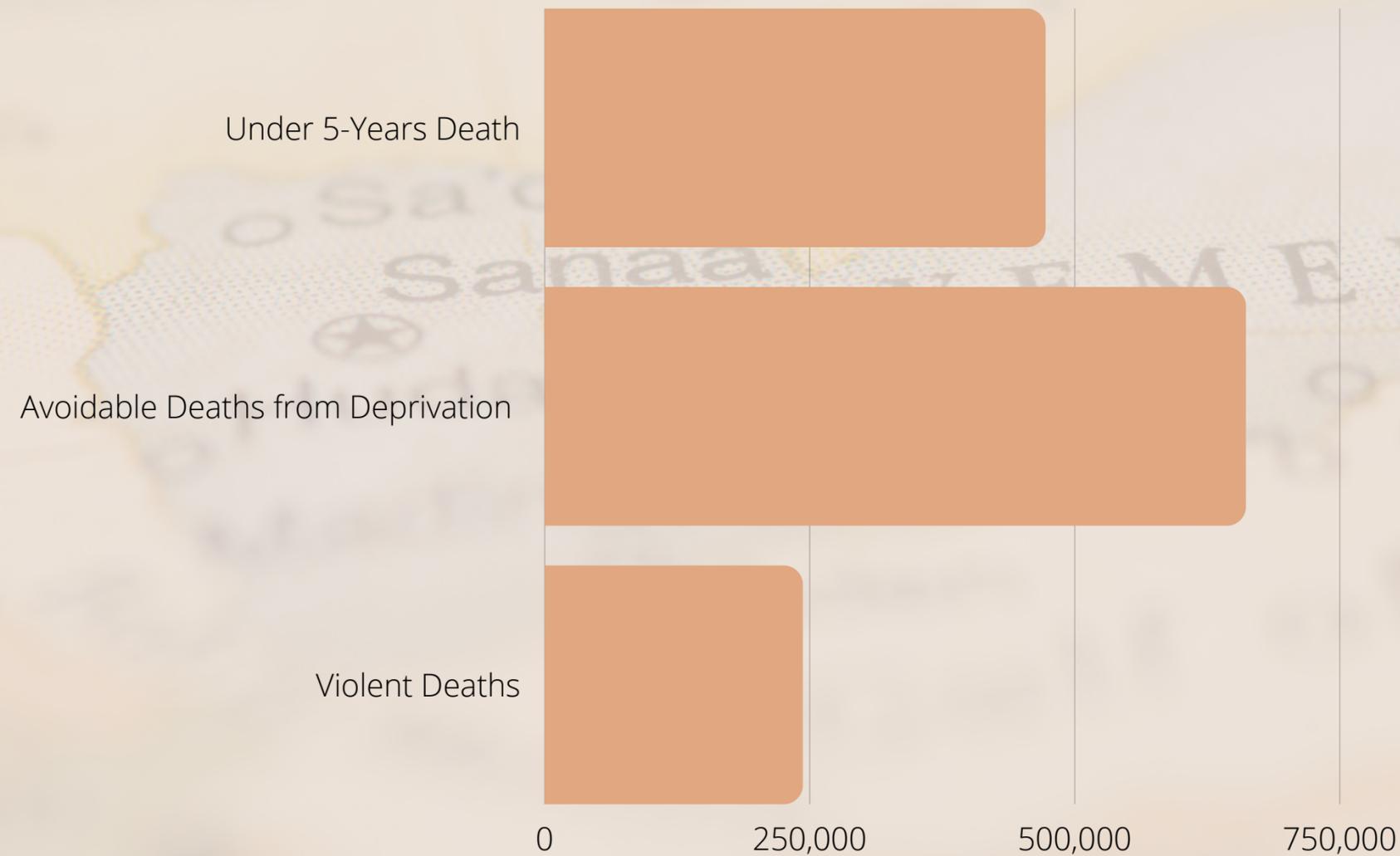
PALESTINIAN GENOCIDE: DEATHS (2001-2021)



These estimates are only for the 5.2 million Palestinians living under brutal Israeli occupation. It excludes the 8 million Exiled Palestinians and 2 million impoverished Israeli Palestinians living under 65 race-based laws imposed by Apartheid Israel. It also doesn't take into consideration the recent Israeli violence against Palestinians.



YEMENI GENOCIDE DEATHS (2011-2021)

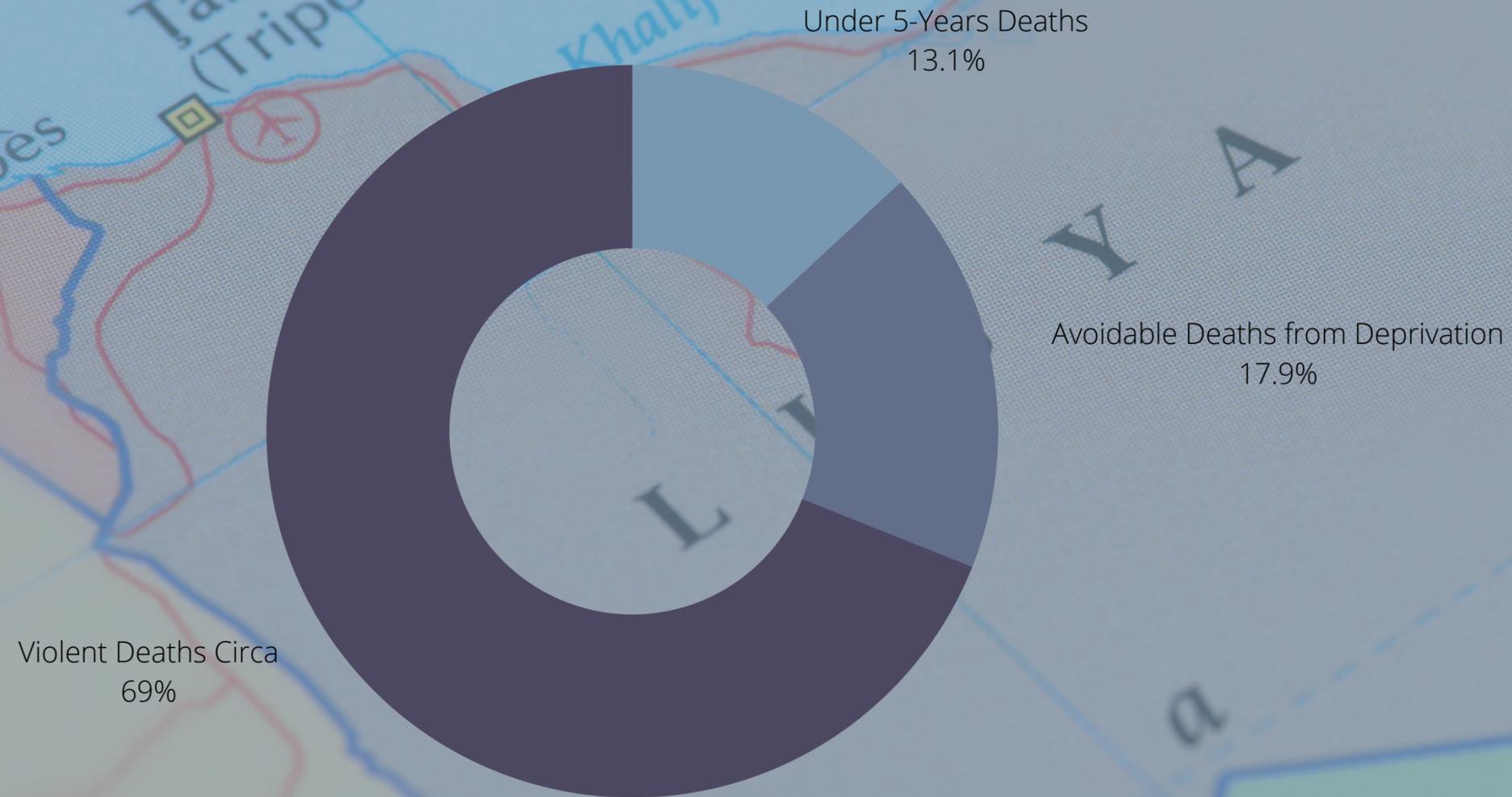


Under-5 infant deaths 472,000; avoidable deaths from deprivation 661,000; violent deaths 243,000 (based on Afghan War comparisons); total violent deaths plus avoidable deaths from deprivation 904,000.





LIBYAN DEATHS (2011-2021)

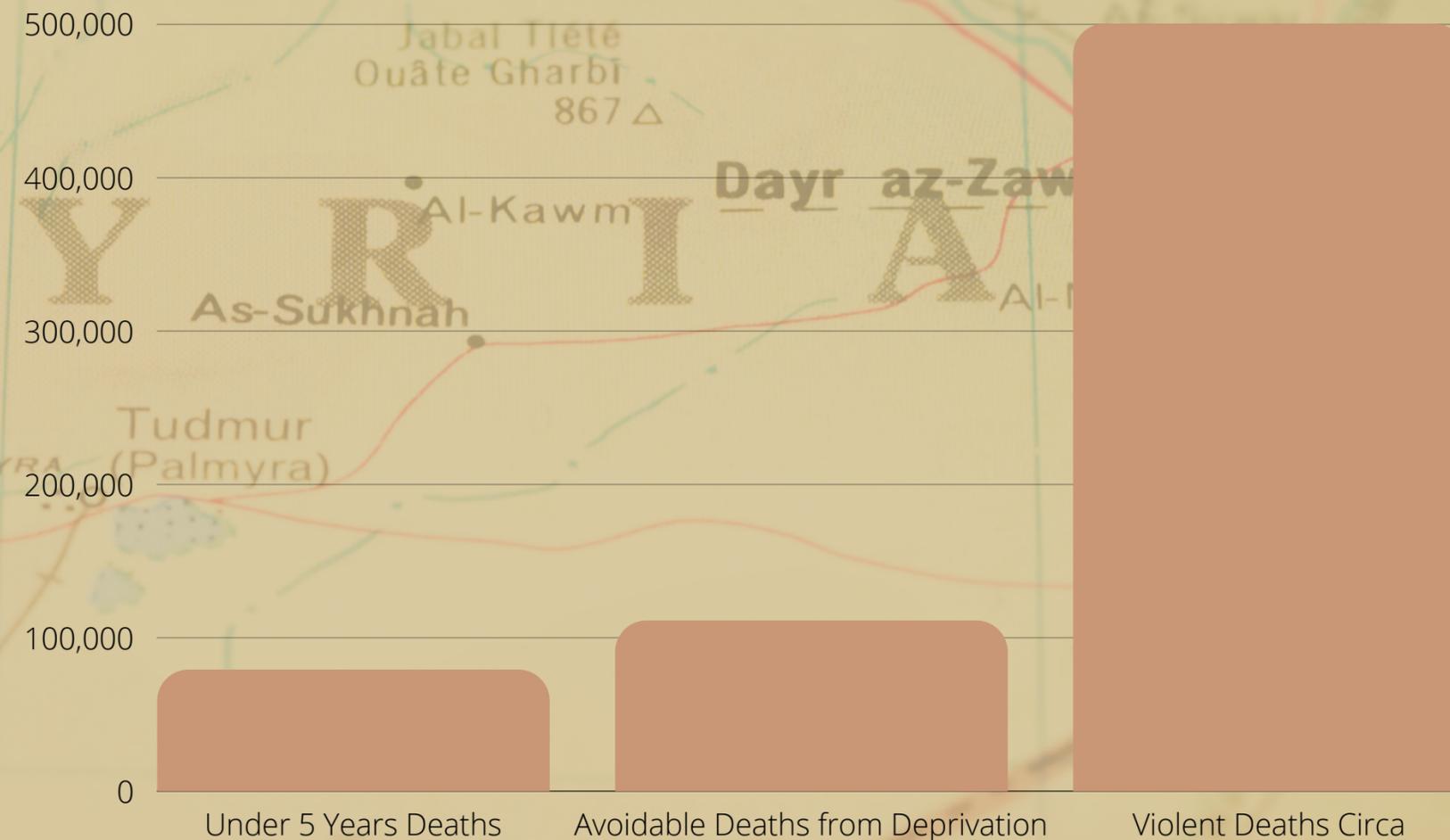


Under-5 infant deaths 19,000; avoidable deaths from deprivation 26,000; violent deaths circa 100,000; total violent deaths plus avoidable deaths from deprivation 126,000.



SYRIAN GENOCIDE: DEATHS (2012-2021)

Under-5 infant deaths
79,000; avoidable
deaths from
deprivation 111,000;
violent deaths circa
500,000; total violent
deaths plus avoidable
deaths from
deprivation 611,000.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



Since 2013, the Central African Republic has targeted the minority Muslim population and forced large numbers to flee from the country.

The anti-balaka ("anti-machete") Christian militias have targeted Muslims in 2013 with the intent to eliminate them from the Central African Republic.

"The anti-balaka have conducted coordinated attacks on Muslim neighborhoods since September 2013. The attacks include horrific and brutal assaults, including on women and children, against Muslims trapped by fighting or trying to flee. Anti-balaka forces have cut the throats of Muslim civilians, publicly lynching, mutilating, and setting their bodies on fire. Human Rights Watch researchers have witnessed some of these atrocities."

Source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2014/02/12/central-african-republic-muslims-forced-flee>

EAST TIMOR GENOCIDE



Whilst the East Timor Genocide occurred prior to the 9/11 incident of 2001, it is important to note the role that the US played in the event. The United States military equipment contributed to the death of over 100,000 inhabitants of East Timor as well as the starvation of at least 200,000 more. Military equipment included rifles, pistols, bombs and fighter planes to name a few.

Source: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00472338185390041?journalCode=rjoc20>

"In 1999, the Howard government sent in troops to spearhead the UN military intervention in order to ensure that Australia, was in the best position to exploit its valuable oil and gas reserves. Nearly seven years on, the essential motivations remain the same."

The Howard government's intervention brought about a "regime change"—the replacement of the government of popular Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri with a administration more in tune with Australian interests.

Source: <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2006/05/timo-m30.html>



**OTHER ATTACKS ON
MUSLIMS THAT
WOULD NOT HAVE
HAPPENED IN A PRE
9/11 WORLD**

The dubious Mumbai bombing has been exploited by Indian authorities to mimic a 9/11type response to combat "terrorism".

As the carnage of the Mumbai bombing raged on and was televised all over India's TV stations and the world, it was used as an excuse to justify escalating Islamophobia. Following the Mumbai bombing, violent attacks against Muslims escalated.

This led to growth of Nazi styled Hindutva (Hindu nationalism) and ongoing demonisation against Muslims, including amendments to the Citizenship Act that further targeted Muslim Indians and attacks on Muslim students on campuses, attacks on Muslim neighbourhoods and the murder of Muslims on suspicion of eating beef

Sources include:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/dec/12/mumbai-arundhati-roy>

INDIA WAR ON TERROR



KASHMIR LOCKDOWN

On 05 August 2019, the Indian government revoked Article 370 which stripped occupied Jammu and Kashmir status as a state and its autonomy to legislate laws under the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiris have since been subject to unprecedented clampdown on civil liberties and restrictions on communications services. This included harsh media blackouts and the longest internet shutdown ever in a democracy. Political leaders, civil society and human rights activists were silenced through arbitrary detentions and extra judicial killings.

The Indian crackdown further deteriorated livelihoods, particularly in the tourism-dependent Kashmir Valley, Human Rights Watch said. The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries estimated that the first three months of the lockdown to prevent protests since August 2019 cost the economy over US \$2.4 billion, for which no redress has been provided. Losses have nearly doubled since the government imposed further restrictions to contain Covid-19 in March. The limiting of networks to 2G has made it impossible for online classes to function adequately. Graduate students and teachers have been unable to participate in conferences or have their papers published, causing willful harm to their careers and violating the rights to education."

KASHMIR LOCKDOWN

Two years into the lockdown, in an attempt to alter the Muslim majority demography of Jammu and Kashmir, tens of thousands of non-Kashmiri residents have been granted domicile certificates raising fears of Kashmir becoming another Palestine.

Almost 40,000 additional Indian troops were deployed to add the estimated 900,000 thousand Indian troops already occupying Kashmir. This led to more than 13,000 arbitrary detentions of young Kashmiris, more shooting live rounds (steel shotgun pellets) on protestors, more killing, maiming and disappearances of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

It is crucial to note that Indian human rights abuses did not start with the 5 August 2019 lockdown, in fact, for decades, human rights groups documented accounts of mass rapes, mass murders, disappearances and arbitrary detentions and Indian-backed militia pogroms against native Kashmiris.

With this lockdown, Kashmir has effectively become the largest open air prison in the world. The prison masters, just like in Gaza, are not providing life's essentials to the prisoners.

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Myanmar Rohingya

August 2017 and a deadly crackdown by Myanmar's army on Rohingya Muslims started, resulting in hundreds of thousands of people fleeing across the border into Bangladesh. Rohingya Muslims represent the largest percentage of Muslims in Myanmar. Rohingya's villages were burned down and civilians were attacked and killed by the Myanmar military. At least 6,700 Rohingya, including at least 730 children under the age of five, were killed in the month after the violence broke out and at least 288 villages were partially or totally destroyed by fire in northern Rakhine state after August 2017.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41566561>

March 2021 and we see the families and children who fled the 2017 crackdown suffering once again as their Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazaar, near the border with Myanmar, was set on fire. over 400 people were killed and because of the barbed wire on the fencing, many were unable to flee. For the civilians that survived, they reported that no one helped them and if the government wanted to help, they could have stopped the fire from happening.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/23/world/asia/bangladesh-rohingya-fire-refugees.html>

SRI LANKA: FORCED CREMATION OF DEAD MUSLIM "COVID" PATIENTS

Sri Lanka has caused outrage amongst the nations Muslim population following the mandatory cremation of those who die from the COVID-19 virus. Sri Lanka officials have ignored the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidelines which permit both burials and cremations. Parents and families are being forced to proceed with cremation rituals rather than burials.

Muslims and Christians have petitioned the Courts to allow burials, however their concerns were dismissed.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/12/18/i-had-no-stre>

The remainder of this presentation will focus on the Uyghur people of East Turkistan

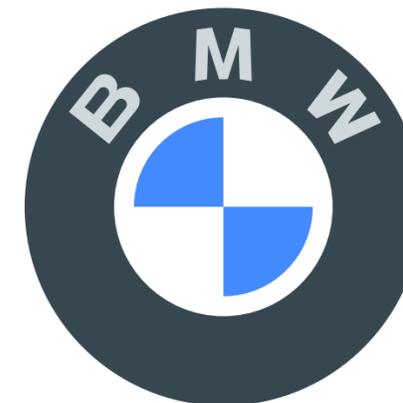


What is happening to the ethnic minority of Uyghur in China?

The Uyghur and other ethnic minority groups, who are Turkic speaking Muslim minorities such as the Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Tartars, Tajiks, Kyrgyz and Hui are being forced into slave labour conditions by the Chinese government. They were forcibly removed from the far west region of Xinjiang to factories across the country. The Uyghur are being forced to work for major global corporations particularly in technology, clothing and automotive sectors. It is believed they are working for companies such as Apple, BMW, Samsung, Volkswagen and Nike to name a few.

Between 2017 and 2019, it is estimated that more than 80,000 Uyghurs have been transferred to these factories across China, with some of them being transferred directly from detention camps. 80,000 is only an estimation, it is far likely to be much higher than this.

These minorities are forced to undergo organised Mandarin and ideological training outside working hours. They are subject to constant surveillance and are forbidden from participating in religious observances. Numerous sources, including government documents, show that transferred workers are assigned minders and have limited freedom of movement.



What we know?

A woman wearing a white headscarf is holding a white protest sign. The sign has red and black text. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

CHINA IS
COMMITTING
GENOCIDE

Since 2017, the following figures have come to light about the millions of Uyghur and members of other Turkic Muslim minorities that have been transferred across China:

- Millions of citizens have disappeared into a vast network of 're-education camps' in the far west region of Xinjiang, in what some experts call a systematic, government-led program of cultural genocide. Inside the camps, detainees are subjected to political indoctrination and forced to renounce their religion and culture and, in some instances, reportedly subjected to torture.
- The Chinese government continues to violate the human rights of the Uyghur, claiming that the detention camps are for counter-terrorism and deradicalization effort. *Source: <https://archive.ph/NkNJU#selection-609.12-609.59>*
- As recent as 2019, The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) research has identified 82 foreign and Chinese companies who are potentially directly or indirectly benefiting from the use of Uyghur workers outside Xinjiang through abusive labour transfer programs. *Source: https://www.aspi.org.au/report/uyghurs-sale?fbclid=IwAR3bELkUWBnF2_ct4bJPiXs9FBy7Bi-ubMaazdHJW6fLD9jdz2hVEMtHnwk*
- Despite the growing global awareness and condemnation of these detention camps, Chinese officials including the second-highest Communist Party official in Xinjiang province, Shohrat Zakir, continue to claim, contrary to evidence, that they are using these centers as a way to combat extremism. *Source: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-16/china-defends-vocational-training-centres/10384096>*

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION - FORCED LABOUR INDICATORS

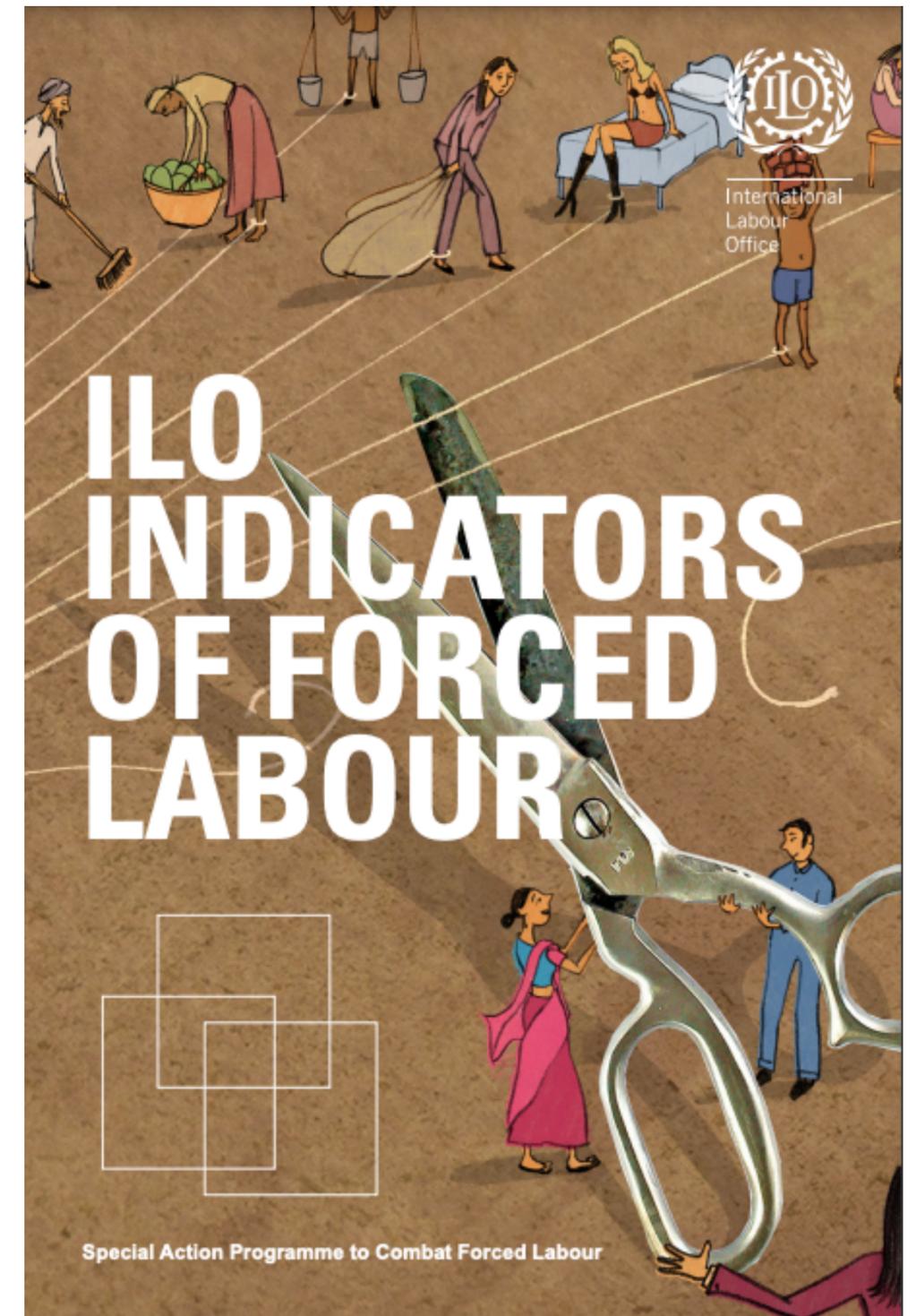
The ILO lists 11 indicators of forced labour; in the case of the Uyghur workers some of these indicators include:

- being subjected to intimidation and threats, such as the threat of arbitrary detention, and being monitored by security personnel and digital surveillance tools
- being placed in a position of dependency and vulnerability, such as by threats to family members back in Xinjiang (East Turkistan)
- having freedom of movement restricted, such as by fenced-in factories and high-tech surveillance
- isolation, such as living in segregated dormitories and being transported in dedicated trains
- abusive working conditions, such as political indoctrination, police guard posts in factories, 'military-style' management, and a ban on religious practices
- excessive hours, such as mandatory after-work Mandarin language classes and political indoctrination sessions that are part of job assignments.

Sources:

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(ILO Forced Labour Indicators)

- https://www.aspi.org.au/report/uyghurs-sale?fbclid=IwAR3bELkUWBnF2_ct4bJPiXs9FBy7Bi-ubMaazdHJW6fLD9jdz2hVEMtHnwk (Uyghurs for Sale Article)



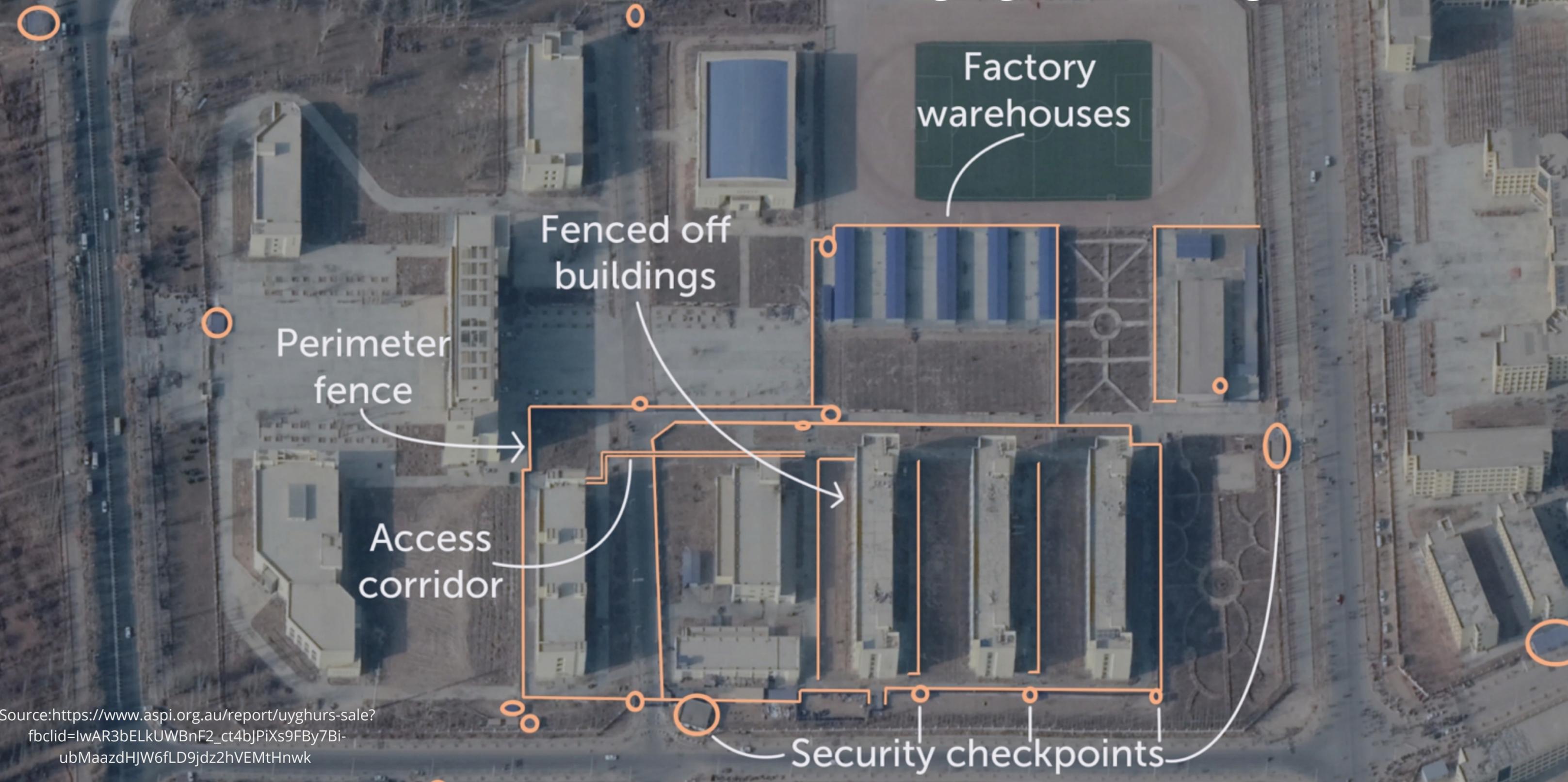
Transfer of Uyghur's across China between 2017 -2019

Using data gathered from various source including media articles and government sources, ASPI's International Cyber Policy Centre was able to map out the transfer of Uyghur's across the country.

The larger the arrow the greater the number of Uyghur being transferred across China.

The orange dotted lines show known direct county-to-factory transfers.

Satellite image of Jiashi Vocational School, January 2018, with security infrastructure added since 2017 highlighted in orange



Source: https://www.aspi.org.au/report/uyghurs-sale?fbclid=IwAR3bELkUWBnF2_ct4bjPiXs9FBy7Bi-ubMaazdHJW6fLD9jdz2hVEMtHnwk

Uyghur

Muslim friends of China recently attempted to hold a webinar attempting to promote China as a nation that works respectfully with Muslims. This webinar was cancelled due to broad public backlash based on the reality of China's treatment of Uyghur Muslims. If China is genuine about a respectful cooperation with Muslims, it must immediately cease all persecution against the Uyghur, it must dismantle the "re-education" concentration camps, it must give the Uyghur a fair pay for their labour, it must remove the spies from the Uyghur homes and must give the people of East Turkistan complete freedom and rights equal to the Han nationals.

China must also protect the faith-teachings and practices of Islam from being ridiculed by officials and must stop persecuting Muslims who practice the teachings of Islam. Muslims must be allowed to pray and fast and perform all the rituals of Islam unhindered, whether they are government workers, students or ordinary citizens. China must respect our Imams and our women, men and children. Islam is not communism or any other ism.

Islam is a faith with approximately two billion adherents worldwide, it is not merely the leaders of a few nations. East Turkistan is Not Chinese territory, the Uyghur are not "ethnic Chinese".

There are an estimated 1 million (or more Han Chinese living inside the houses of Muslims in East Turkistan, they are living with the Muslim women as the men had been arrested and they spy, rape and steal at will.

There is also an estimated 3 million Muslims in Chinese concentration camps (falsely presented as "reeducation camps"). They have changed the Uyghur alphabet four times in the past few decades in order to distance the Uyghur from their mother language.

China annexed East Turkistan by force, more force than it had used in Hong Kong recently.

China is also accused of organ harvesting from Muslims and recently removing the minarets and domes from mosques.