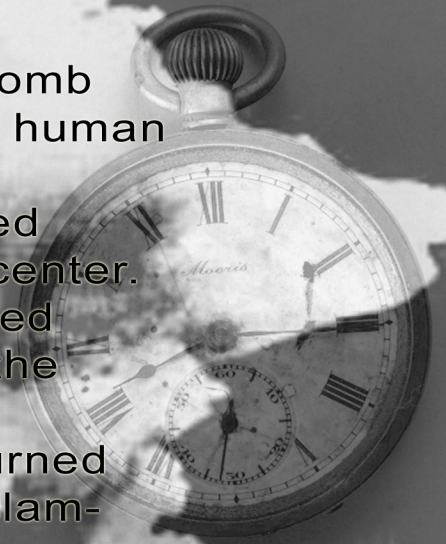


At 8:15 a.m., August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was used as a weapon for the first time in human history.

With a blinding flash, the bomb detonated approximately 580 meters above the city center. The heat rays and blast burned and crushed nearly all buildings within 2 kilometers of the hypocenter, taking thousands of lives.

Those who managed to survive, their burned and bloodied clothes hanging in tatters, clambered over the rubble to flee the city.



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## **Hiroshima August 6 1945**

## **Nagasaki August 9 1945**

Having witnessed the ultimate consequences of animosity, hibakusha (survivors of the bombing) deliberately envision a world beyond war in which the human family learns to cooperate to ensure the well being of us all . . . Now, however, they see the world being forced into a framework of fear and hatred. They see gullible publics being persuaded that only a powerful military backed by nuclear weapons can protect them from their enemies. They see a world diving headlong toward militarism . . .

Tadahoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, 11/17/03

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