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The 77th anniversary of the Massacres of May 8, 1945

Algeria will commemorate on 8 th May, 2022, the 77th anniversary of the Massacres of May 8, 1945, which definitively exposed the true face of French colonization which exterminated, destroyed, burned, exiled, raped... and attempted to obscure the national personality and sow the seeds of discord and division. But thanks to the heroic resistance of the Algerian people, these massacres constituted the turning point which persuaded the nationalist currents that the armed struggle remains the only means for the liberation and the recovery of national sovereignty.

The peaceful demonstrations of May 8, 1945 during which defenseless citizens came out by the tens of thousands in Sétif, Guelma and Kherrata before spreading, in two weeks, to other parts of the country, made no less than 45,000 martyrs, or even more in view of the war machine comprising combined land, air and naval forces, police and armed settler militias mobilized against peaceful demonstrators who demanded that the colonial authorities honor their promise to grant the Algerians their independence after the victory of the Allies over the Nazis, in return for their defense of the honor of France against the Nazi occupation.

The bloody and savage repression of despicable colonization will remain a mark of infamy stuck to the forehead of the colonizer who has committed, for 132 years, imprescriptible crimes against our people despite multiple attempts to erase them because the number of victims exceeded five (5) and a half million people of all ages, or more than half of the inhabitants of Algeria under colonial occupation.

Indeed, these are crimes committed against humanity and against civilizational values, because they are based on ethnic purification aimed at replacing the indigenous populations with contributions from foreign populations. Crimes that aimed to uproot the Algerian, to plunder his wealth and to erase any foundation of his personality. This is why it is up to our historians today to elucidate every corner of this stage and all the others anchored in the memory of the nation. To elucidate with a high sense of credibility in the story in order to do justice to the rising generations in the right to know the details of the past.