

The Holocaust Commemoration

The University of Nairobi hosted the Israeli Government to commemorate the Holocaust Remembrance Day. The United Nations declared 27th of January the International Holocaust day.

The Holocaust was the systematic annihilation of six million Jews by the Nazis during World War II. It evolved slowly between 1933 and 1945 where it began with discrimination, then the Jews were separated from their communities and persecuted and finally they were treated as less than human beings and murdered. All these events are what is called the Holocaust.

Apart from the Jews, millions of other people were also imprisoned, enslaved and murdered. Those with mental or physical disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, trade unionists, political opponents and many others.

During the commemoration Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration & Finance Prof. Isaac Mbeche said "the Holocaust was a turning point. It made the world say no". He also thanked the Israeli government for gracing the occasion.

A representative from the United Nations who gave a statement on behalf of the United Nations secretary general said 'the Holocaust is a powerful reminder when we stop seeing human... we should all speak against attack on religion'.

Israel Ambassador, H. E. Yael Vilan noted that, 'it's important to preach the Holocaust to everyone. Every time as Israelites we hear about the Holocaust, we learn something new.'

Finally, Dr. Lea Prais who was the guest speaker and who has studied and researched extensively on the Holocaust gave a presentation titled 'The Blurred Lines: The Beginning of the Final Solution,' Dr. Lea gave a detailed narration of how the Holocaust began and the lessons that we can learn from it.

The event was well attended by Deans, College Principals, Directors and Students.