

## The Battle of Waterloo: A Showcase of Pure Capitalism

### News:

Bones of dead soldiers from the Battle of Waterloo used in the sugar industry.

### Comment:

In every battlefield which took place in the recent history, there is some kind of human remnants left which can be traced back to the event, except the Battle of Waterloo which took place in 1815 in the then Southern Netherlands which is nowadays a place in Belgium, near Brussels the political capital of Europe. The battle took place between the French under the leadership of Napoleon and a coalition of British, German and Dutch. Tens of thousands of soldiers were killed according historical sources and approximately 20,000 bodies disappeared in mass graves, but hardly any human remains have been found during excavations so far.

The dispute between historians and archaeologists who are involved with this case is whether the remains of the soldiers had been ground into bone meal for use as fertilizer in agriculture or whether the bones have been massively processed in the sugar industry since 1834. In the latter case, bone cabbage was used to purify the sugar from sugar beets. This usually happened with the bones of animals. But according to the researchers, the bones of the soldiers in the mass graves were used in factories until the source of bones ran out in 1860.

The production of sugar with human bones was apparently not a secret back then since a German newspaper wrote in 1879 that by using honey as a sweetener, you avoid the risk of "dissolving your grandfather's atoms in your coffee."

Every human which reads this will be disgusted. However, if we think that this disgusting course of action which makes the stomach turn was a just a one-off event, then we are totally unaware of the monstrous capitalism around us. How macabre it may sound, crushing and using human bones as means of increasing the production is just an expression of the capitalistic mindset. This mindset has justified Capitalistic nations to invade other nations, kill them, rob them of their recourses, their dignity and humanity and enslave them. It would be sufficient enough to name the atrocities done by these same people, who enriched themselves of the bones of their own people, against the people of Congo. They killed between eight to ten million Congolese people, severely injured millions and enslaved them.

Not much later, in 1958, they held a World's Fair titled Expo 58 in Brussels, where they had a human zoo consisting of people from Congo to show the Western nations the "primitive Africans." These people where caved like animals and visitors could buy nuts and bananas to throw at them, behind fences.

This is the same mindset which grounded the bones, flesh and blood of millions of Muslims from North-Africa to Indonesia and still continues to do so. This will never ever change unless the Muslims unite under the shade of a Khilafah Rashidah (righteous Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood. Only then humanity can be saved from the monstrous Capitalism.

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