

Book Burning in 1933 and 1981: Nazis and Sinhalese goons parallels

Parameter	1933	1981
Date	May 10, 1933	May 31-June 1, 1981
Location	Berlin, Germany	Jaffna, Sri Lanka
Ideology	Aryan Nazi	Aryan Sinhala
Ideology's father figure	Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)	Anagarika Dharmapala (1864-1933)
Religion of perpetrators	Christian	Buddhists
Ideology barker	Joseph Goebbels	Cyril Mathew
Perpetrators	Nazi students	Sinhalese militia goons
Affected ethnics	Jews	Ceylon Tamils
Volumes of books	~ 25,000	~97,000 at Public Library
Reason	literary 'cleansing'	to teach a lesson to Tamils
Activity	pre-announced	'spontaneous?'
Audience	~40,000	city Tamils (<20,000)
<i>New York Times</i> report	May 10 & 11, 1933	Sept.11, 1981