

June 4th is the 29th anniversary of the brutal massacre of unarmed students in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

The communist regime, led by Deng Xiaoping and Li Peng, ordered the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to crush the 7 week old, student-led democracy protests on Tiananmen Square by military force, and even today the communist regime denies that a massacre occurred.

The usual roundup and arrests of activists and survivors of the massacre is happening in China prior to the anniversary as it does every year.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is desperate to stop its citizens knowing of its heinous crimes. Nearly three decades after the crackdown, the communist regimen continues to forbid any debate on the subject, mention of which is banned from textbooks and the media, and censored on the internet.

Hong Kong is the only place on Chinese soil where the anniversary is openly marked with a famous vigil in Victoria Park on 4 June each year.

## **At least 10,000 killed**

The brutal massacre killed at least 10,000 people, a secret British diplomatic cable has alleged.

Unearthed in December 2017 by news website [HK01](#), the document, written just over 24 hours after the massacre, gives a much higher death toll than the most commonly used estimates of around 2000.

It also reveals sickening details of the incident which shocked the world. It alleges injured female students were bayoneted as they begged for mercy, human remains were “hosed down the drains”, and a mother was shot as she tried to go to the aid of her injured three-year-old daughter.

It also alleges the 27 Army of Shanxi Province — which co-ordinated the response on the day of the incident — described the thousands of pro-democracy protesters as “60 per cent illiterate and “primitives”.

The secret cable was written by Sir Alan Donald, who was British ambassador to China, on

June 5, 1989 and was placed in the UK National Archives.

“Students understood they were given one hour to leave square but after five minutes APCs attacked,” the envoy wrote.

“Students linked arms but were mown down including soldiers. APCs then ran over bodies time and time again to make ‘pie’ and remains collected by bulldozer. Remains incinerated and then hosed down drains.

“Four wounded girl students begged for their lives but were bayoneted.”

In the document, Donald says he has gleaned this information from a “good friend” in China’s ruling State Council who, he writes, was “reliable and careful to separate fact from speculation and rumour”.

“27 Army ordered to spare no one,” he wrote. “Wounded girl students begged for their lives but were bayoneted.

“A three-year-old girl was injured, but her mother was shot as she went to her aid, as were six others.

“1000 survivors were told they could escape but were then mown down by specially prepared MG [machine gun] positions.

“Army ambulances who attempted to give aid were shot up, as was a Sino-Japanese hospital ambulance. With medical crew dead, wounded driver attempted to ram attackers but was blown to pieces by antitank weapon.”

He also claimed the army shot one of their own officers for faltering on orders.

“27 Army officer shot dead by own troops, apparently because he faltered. Troops explained they would be shot if they hadn’t shot the officer,” he wrote.

The chilling cable ends: “Minimum estimate of civilian dead 10,000.”

### **Open letter to Xi Jinping from Tiananmen Mothers**

On the occasion of the 29th anniversary of June Fourth, the Tiananmen Mothers authorized *Human Rights in China (HRIC)* to publish an open letter to communist leader Xi Jinping.

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