

## ON THE WALL

# International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

## Really?

### Share of the world nuclear force in 2017

 = 10 Nuclear warheads

Source: [www.sipri.org](http://www.sipri.org)

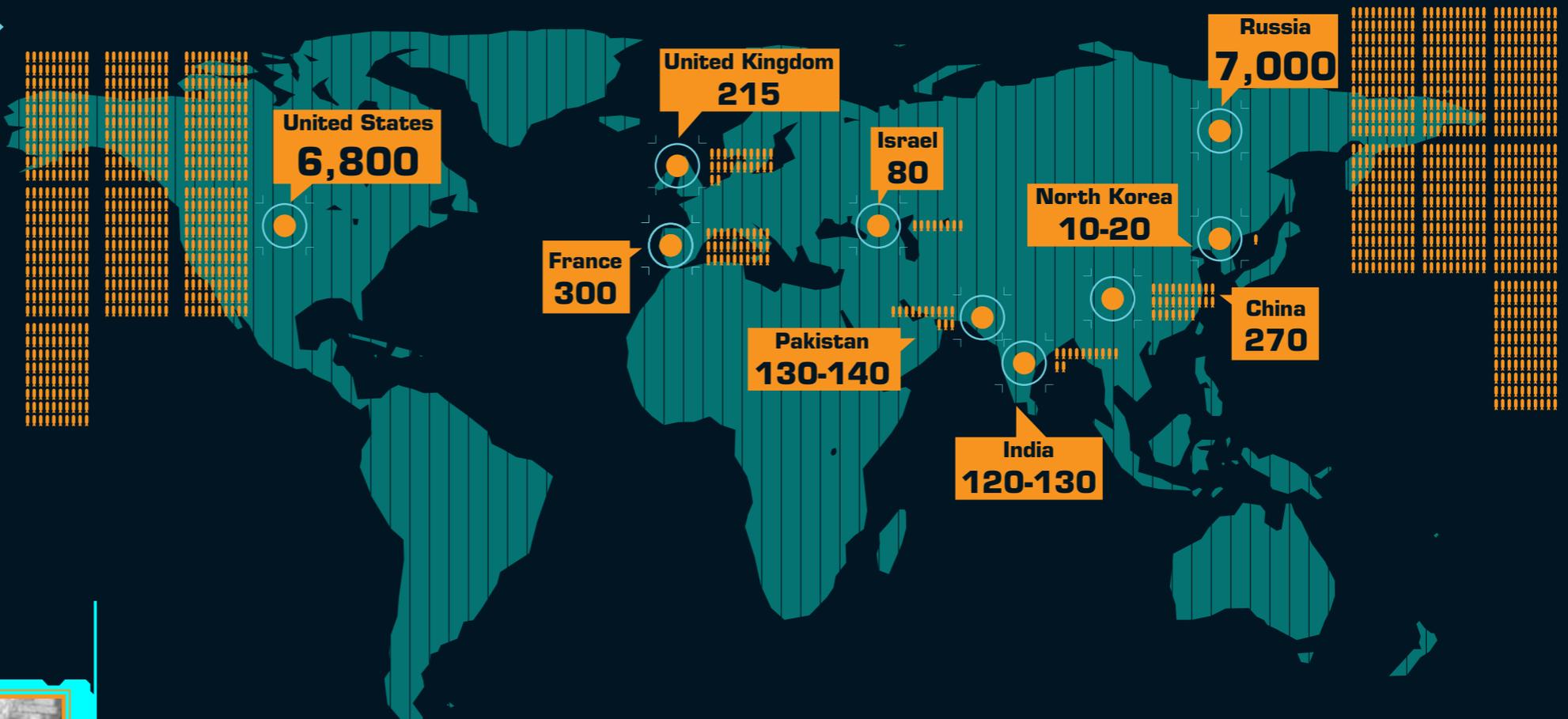
**Below:** A shadow of a girl got imprinted on the wall at the exact moment the Hiroshima bomb detonated. The haunting impressions were caused by the heat of the explosion, which changed the colour of surfaces. The incinerated human bodies and objects that absorbed some of the blast left its shadows imprinted on the steps, pavements and walls forever.



On August 6, 1945, the first ever nuclear bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. After seeing the fireball glowing, J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as the father of atomic bomb famously uttered the words from *Bhagavad Gita*—“Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds”.

The long-term effects of which are still faced by the citizens.

In theory, UN declared September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. But, in practice, the number of nuclear weapons have only increased.



- 1 Officially, in 1945, the world had two nuclear bombs—Little Boy was dropped in Hiroshima, Japan on August 6 and Fat Man was detonated in Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945.
- 2 If all nuclear warheads are counted, in 2017, the world possesses a total of approximately 14,935 nuclear weapons. Some of which are 3,000 times more powerful than the bombs dropped in Hiroshima.
- 3 With thousands of nuclear weapons in stock, we are always at the risk of a nuclear holocaust that can destroy the entire human race from the face of the planet.
- 4 September 26 is observed for total elimination of nuclear weapons worldwide since 2013. Ironically, as recent as on September 3, 2017, North Korea carried out nuclear tests, 10 times more powerful than Hiroshima.