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Dutch railway to compensate Holocaust victims – 30th June, 2019

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Level 2

Holland's railway company, NS, is going to compensate Holocaust victims. World War II ended 70 years ago, but Holland's railway has decided to compensate people taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains took thousands of Jews and other minorities to the death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in Holland had been removed. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim.

The company said the payments are the company's historical responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take the victims to the border. German trains then took the victims to concentration camps. NS said this was "a black page in the history of the company". It added: "There is no reasonable...amount of money that can compensate...for the suffering inflicted on the victims." It said the payments were "a moral gesture". NS accepted its role in the "individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives".

Level 3

Holland's national railway company is going to compensate victims of the Holocaust. World War II ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people who were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is known as NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim.

The company said the payments were part of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the border. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a black page in the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any way for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives."