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1/ It's hard to find words that don't cheapen, belittle, glorify or dismiss what happened during the Holocaust (Shoah). It's also hard to find words that make sense of the numbers involved. 6 million Jewish people, murdered. Entire families, gone.

#HolocaustMemorialDay #Holocaust

2/ Their property, land, art, culture & achievements stolen and erased. Many are still fighting, 75 years later, to regain what was taken from them - physically and mentally. It is almost incomprehensible, yet it happened. But it didn't start or end there.
<https://t.co/UUrFmWerd5>

3/ Another 11 million people were murdered throughout the Holocaust era. Others targeted included the disabled, the LGBTQ+ community, Black people, Roma, Poles & other Slavic peoples, Jehovah's Witnesses, prisoners of war & members of political opposition groups.
#genocide

4/ If we held a minute of silence for every known victim of the Nazis we would be silent for over 32 years.

5/ Sadly humanity didn't learn & there have been further genocides by a variety of groups claiming purity, religion or territory as their reasoning. So how do we respond to this? How do we try to be better?
#Darfur #Cambodia #Serbia #Rwanda #Rohingya
<https://t.co/NucrsfOtLT>

6/ I don't claim to have the answer to this. All I can do is share my response. I try, every day, to be watchful for the warning signs. Genocide doesn't come from nothing, it builds like a landslide from tiny pebbles. I see some of those pebbles right now, in the UK.
#Fascism

7/ The demonising of 'other' - refugee, Muslim, Black, poor, disabled. The dismantling of the welfare state. The cries of 'herd immunity', the devaluing of life because of 'underlying health issues', age, life-limiting illness, disability or ethnicity - eugenics by another name.

8/ The rallying behind flags & myths of Empire, pristine & free from the slavery & death that built it. The dream that everything will be better if we follow the 'vision' of a pompous, incompetent clown of a statesmen who's become a rallying point for the far right & extremists.

9/ We have concentration camps, though they're known by other names, where we imprison not just adults but children, torn away from their parents, where they're dying scared & hungry & alone. The world is dark, so what can we do?

#Refugees #Detention

<https://t.co/MORoTM62ve>

10/ We need to not look away. We need to see it & we need to challenge it. So how do we do this? Together. We stand & raise our voices together. We support & love each other. We raise up & protect each other. We remember that when they come for one of us, they come for all of us.

11/ We amplify each others voices to call out the systems, policies, practices and people who perpetuate suffering & inequality. We also acknowledge that we're human & sometimes we need to rest today so we can keep caring tomorrow.

#BlackLivesMatter #TransRightsAreHumanRights

12/ We strive to keep seeing the beauty & wonder of the world & the people in it. We remind each other of the joy & love & laughter that make living worthwhile. And above all, #WeRemember.

#NeverAgain #LightTheDarkness #togetherwearestronger #HolocaustRemembranceDay #Shoah