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Synopsis:

The Holocaust of Muslims of Al-Andalus is one of the darkest pages of history of the Christian Europe and simultaneously one of the most tragic periods in the history of the Islamic West. This era of the planned, sustained and systematically executed policy of total eradication of Islam from the southwestern Europe was authorized by the "Renaissance" popes and the European Roman-Catholic monarchs after the surrender of the last Muslim state of Granada in 1492 CE/897AH.

Most of the modern Muslim readers of history eulogize the "golden age" of the Andalusian Muslims and their cultural or scientific achievements which contributed significantly to the civilizational resurrection of the Latin West after the Barbarization of the Christianized Western Roman Empire. The end of the so-called "Moorish Spain" is relatively well known to the students of the world history. The Andalusian *nakbah* (catastrophe) and *ebadah* (annihilation) of the Iberian Muslims was not first and unfortunately not the last political, military and religious disaster of the decadent Muslims. It was preceded by several medieval ethno-religious cleansing of Muslim populations of Crete, Provence, Balearic Isles, Sicily and the coastal Italy (from 800s to 1300 CE) by the Roman-Catholic Frankish, Visigothic, and Norman war-bands of mercenaries known in the Islamic world as *farandji* (Franks) and by the Eastern Roman Empire's Greek-speaking emperors, called *rumis* (Romans) by the Muslims. The 400 year-long violent 'rolling back' of the Islam (known to the Muslims as *istirdad* and to the Spanish Catholics as *reconquista*) from the northern frontier of the River Ebro, (*thugr al-aqsa*) to the last Muslims strongholds of the Nasirid kingdom in the Alpujarra Mountains was also marked by many killing fields and pillages. The fanatical ferocity, cruelty and systematic subjugation and final extermination of the Sicilian Muslim survivors at Lucera in 1300CE/700AH became a pattern of the total destruction of entire population on base of religion and 'racial purity' (*limpieza de sangre*).

("Christianity destroyed for us the whole harvest of ancient civilization, and later it also destroyed for us the whole harvest of Muslim civilization. The wonderful culture of the Moors in Spain, which was fundamentally nearer to