

# Testimony

Nuraini

Born in Indonesia, estimated birth year 1930



Nuraini at the 15th Asian Solidarity Conference  
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*“The Japanese soldiers treated me like an animal.”*

They came for her with rifles, demanding that she leave her home in Indonesia to serve as their sex slave. Nuraini was just thirteen years old and had not yet begun menstruating. Her father pleaded with the Japanese soldiers who wanted to take his daughter away. They met his entreaties with threats, directing their rifles in his direction.

From the 1930s to the end of WWII, hundreds of thousands of women and girls from throughout Asia, like Nuraini, were victims of Japanese military sexual slavery.

During the daytime, Nuraini hauled sand from the river, hard labor for which she was never paid. At night, she was gang-raped by the soldiers. She endured this for ten months in 1943. Then she was allowed to return home. Although she had been forcibly abducted, her neighbors blamed her for becoming a sex slave and shunned her.

The treatment was so bad that Nuraini eventually fled. She now lives alone, dependent on help from her relatives and new neighbors. She is still waiting for a formal apology

from the Japanese government.

“The Japanese government needs to make reparations to me and to all who suffered from atrocious crimes committed by Japanese soldiers. They must apologize to all victims who suffered similar experiences.”

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