
Obama makes history by visit to Hiroshima bomb site

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Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe laid wreaths in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park shortly after Obama's arrival Friday. The president did not apologize for the Hiroshima bombing or the atomic attack on Nagasaki three days later.

"Seventy-one years ago on a bright cloudless morning, death fell from the sky and the world was changed," Obama said.

"Why do we come to this place, to Hiroshima? We come to ponder the terrible force unleashed in the not-so-distant past. We come to mourn the dead including over 100,000 Japanese men women and children, thousands of Koreans, a dozen Americans held prisoner," he added.

Abe said Obama's visit opened a new chapter of reconciliation for the United States and Japan.