

# J5 VÁRPALÓTA (H)

In February 1945 members of the Hungarian fascist Arrow Cross party and local police officers killed 123 Hungarian Roma from Várpalóta and Székesfehérvár. The victims had to dig their own graves and were then shot. Two women survived the massacre. The mass grave now lies under the waters of Lake Grabler, near Inota, a suburb of Várpalóta.



1974

2015

2008

## 💡 Did you know

... that similar massacres took place in several other Hungarian towns and villages?

... that in 1998 the local authority refused permission for the construction of a memorial to the victims of the massacre?

## ✎ For you to do

Design a memorial plaque and write a text commemorating the massacre of Várpalota.

## 📷 The photo

Lake Grabler, near the village of Inota, summer 2008. Private collection of János Bársony, Budapest, Hungary



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