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Lynching commission releases findings, recommends payments and scholarships

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A commission in Maryland studying lynching and how to best deal with repairing the damage done is out with its final report. That report is now in the hands of the General Assembly.

The report recommends paying up to \$100,000 to the descendants of lynching in Maryland, as well as written apologies for past crimes. It also showed that scholarships should be made available to those descendants.

“We recognize that it is not our place to tell the Maryland General Assembly or the governor of Maryland what mechanisms are best equipped to provide those reparations,” Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chair David Fakunle said.

The 630 page report found 38 documented lynchings of Black people by white mobs in Maryland, with the last in 1933.

“They can handle this truth. It is part of this story, but it does not have to define who we are today,” Fakunle said.