

Les crimes de guerre de l'armée de l'Azerbaïdjan

War Crimes Committed by the Azerbaijani Government
from 27.9 - 10.11.2020

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Research compiled of war crimes committed by the Azerbaijani Armed Forces, Azerbaijani government, and, in some instances, Turkish government during the 2020 Artsakh war. It is highly likely that this chart may not include all violations. If you know of any violations that were not included, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This chart is a starting point to document the war crimes that occurred from September 27 to November 10, 2020 and should not, by no means, be referenced as a source. We highly encourage you to conduct your own research as well.

TRIGGER WARNING Please be aware that some of the media included under the "links" section contain sensitive and/or triggering material. Some descriptions under the "example(s) of violations" section may also contain sensitive and/or triggering material. Most have been marked, but there is the potential that not all have been flagged.

International Law / Statute

Example(s) of Violations

Date

Link

Recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries in violation of:

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 47(1);

International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries - Article 2; and/or

International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries - Article 5(1) and (2).

Rebels from Syria recruited to fight against Armenians in Artsakh.

This information has also been confirmed by European, Armenian, and Russian authorities.

27.09.2020

Guardian article

CNN article

Washington Post article

Wall Street Journal article

Foreign Policy article

Independent article

Instagram post of Zartonk Media

Interrogation of Syrian Merc

UN Working Group on the use of Mercenaries statement

Research by Simon Saradzhyan

Attacks targeting civilians and civilian objects in violation of:

Rome Statute - Article 8(2)(a)(iv) and 2(b)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v);

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 51(2), Article 51(4), and Article 51(5); and/or

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 52(1).

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

27.09.2020

YouTube video by Factor tv

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni.

YouTube video by Factor tv

Telegram message from Re:public of Artsakh

Azerbaijani armed forces targeted a civilian vehicle, seriously injuring the family.

Trigger Warning Facebook post by Armenian Unified Infocenter

Trigger Warning News.am article (in Armenian)

Rocket lands in a home where a pregnant woman was sleeping in her bed. Luckily the rocket was a dud.

Tweet from ONC3X

Pregnant woman seriously injured as a result of the shelling of settlements, gave birth to a healthy baby.

28.09.2020

Armtimes article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media Instagram post

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni.

YouTube video by Factor tv

Azerbaijani armed forces targeted a civilian vehicle, killing a 9-year-old, injuring the mother.

Zartok Media Instagram post

Armenpress article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Vardenis, Armenia.

29.09.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

Telegram message from Re:public of Artsakh

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert. Three civilians had been killed and one was injured as a result.

30.09.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Artsakh's Ombudsman

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Hadrut.

01.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

Trigger Warning YouTube video by Factor tv

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni.

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Gegharkunik, Armenia.

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Hadrut.

02.10.2020

Factor article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

YouTube video by WarGonzo

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

YouTube video by Factor tv

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

03.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Telegram message from Kotsnews (in Russian)

Stepanakert's electricity network building was struck with a missile, leaving the city without electricity.

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert with cluster bomb missiles.

04.10.2020

Tweet from Igor Zhdanov

YouTube video by Factor tv

Zartok Media article

YouTube video by Azatutyun TV

Zartok Media article

YouTube video by Bars Media Documentary Film Studio

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

05.10.2020

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

YouTube video by WarGonzo

Telegram message from Kotsnews (in Russian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi.

News.am article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Amnesty International publishes an article where Denis Krivosheev states "The use of cluster bombs in any circumstances is banned under international humanitarian law, so their use to attack civilian areas is particularly dangerous and will only lead to further deaths and injuries."

Amnesty International article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

06.10.2020

Factor article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

YouTube video by WarGonzo

Telegram message from WarGonzo (in Russian)

Telegram message from Kotsnews (in Russian)

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

07.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Telegram message from WarGonzo (in Russian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Hadrut.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

08.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Ghazanchetsots, a church in Shushi, struck two times.

YouTube video by News.am

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

09.10.2020

YouTube video by Factor tv

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

Telegram message from WarGonzo (in Russian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

10.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Azerbaijani insurgents kill two civilians, a mother and her disabled son, at their home in Hadrut.

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Trigger Warning Azeri War Crimes article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni, Shushi, and other towns and villages.

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

As of October 10, approximately 180 cassette bombs have been found in the streets of Stepanakert near civil infrastructures and residential buildings.

Facebook post of Rescue Service of the NKR

News.am article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert, Hadrut, Martuni and other towns and villages.

11.10.2020

Factor article (in Armenian)

Telegram message from Kotsnews (in Russian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

13.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

14.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Kindergarten targeted in Martuni.

Tweet from ICRC

YouTube video by Patrick Lancaster

Hospital targeted in the north-eastern direction of Artsakh.

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

School targeted in Stepanakert.

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

15.10.2020

Factor article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Knaravan.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni.

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

News.am article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Hadrut and Kashatagh.

16.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert and Shosh.

Tweet from MFA of Armenia

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Telegram message from Infotheque24 (in Russian)

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

17.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni, Aygehovit, and Ishkanadzor.

19.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Secondary school in Gegharkunik, Armenia targeted.

Aysor article

Tweet from Zartok Media

Photos of destroyed civilian buildings in Stepanakert caused by polonez missiles

Telegram message from SKmilitary diary (in Russian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Martakert.

21.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Askeran and Martuni.

22.10.2020

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert and Martuni.

23.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Artsakh Ombudsman

Zartok Media article

Human Rights Watch publishes an article that notes of the “use of cluster munitions - particularly in populated areas - shows flagrant disregard for the safety of civilians.”

Human Rights Watch article

Genocide Watch issues a Genocide Emergency Alert due to Azerbaijan’s aggression against the Armenian Republic of Artsakh.

Genocide Watch Alert

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni.

24.10.2020

Tweet from Karabakh MoD

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Askeran.

25.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Askeran.

26.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Martakert.

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Askeran.

27.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Artsakh Ombudsman

Maternity and children’s hospital in Stepanakert targeted.

28.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Facebook post of Vahagn Tevosyan

Instagram post of Mikhail Galustyan

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Facebook post of Armenian Unified Infocenter

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martakert.

29.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Aknaghbyur.

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Aknaghbyur.

30.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert and Shushi.

31.10.2020

Trigger Warning Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Askeran.

01.11.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Martakert.

02.11.2020

Trigger Warning Armenpress article (in Armenian)

YouTube video by Azatutyun TV

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Trigger Warning Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Syunik, Armenia.

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Donatella Rovera

Trigger Warning Tweet from Karabakh Records

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Martuni and Shushi.

03.11.2020

News.am article (in Armenian)

News.am article (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi with smerch rockets. In the

Shahumyan region, a RSZO missile was used.

Tweet from Armenian Unified Infocenter

Factor article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Mother and child health centre targeted in Stepanakert.

Facebook post of the State Emergency Service of the Artsakh Republic

Zartok Media article

Monument to the heroes of the Great Patriotic War of Martakert was shelled.

Factor article (in Armenian)

One Free World International article: "Civilians are being deliberately targeted by Azerbaijani forces."

Also states that "Azerbaijan's violent attempt to control the territory with Turkey's backing by targeting civilians is eerily similar to the ethnic cleansing of 20th century Armenian Genocide committed by the Ottoman Empire."

OFWI article

Armenian villager in Artsakh's Togh village beheaded by Azeri soldiers.

04.11.2020

YouTube video by the Hot Zone with Chuck Holton

Zartok Media article

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi and Stepanakert; in Stepanakert a school is hit.

05.11.2020

Telegram message from Infotheque24 (in Russian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Zartok Media article

Telegram message from WarGonzo (in Russian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Shushi and Stepanakert.

06.11.2020

YouTube video by Factor tv

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

07.11.2020

Zartok Media article

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Donatella Rovera

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

08.11.2020

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Telegram message from Anna News (in Russian)

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

Civilians and civilian areas targeted in Stepanakert.

09.11.2020

Telegram message from NKR InfoCenter

Grad rockets fired by Azerbaijani forces into Martakert sometime during the war.

Several civilians are killed and/or wounded.

Date Unknown

Tweet from Donatella Rovera

Grad rocket fired by Azerbaijani forces into Martuni sometime during the war.

Date Unknown

Tweet from Donatella Rovera

Torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment in violation of:

Rome Statute - Article 8(2)(a)(ii) and (iii), and (b)(vi);

IMT Charter (Nuremberg) - Article 6(b);

First Geneva Convention - Article 50

Second Geneva Convention - Article 51;

Third Geneva Convention - Article 12, 13, and 130;

Fourth Geneva Convention - Article 32 and 147;

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 75(2);

Protocol II to the Geneva Convention - Article 4(2)(a) and (e); and/or

UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT) - Article 2.

Two Armenian captives from Hadrut, 73-year-old B.H. and 25-year-old Y.A., executed by Azerbaijani forces.

Their hands were tied behind their back.

15.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Trigger Warning OC Media Article

Trigger Warning BBC News article

Trigger Warning Zartonk Media article

Trigger Warning Azerbaijani military forces beheaded an Armenian soldier and called the soldier's brother and informed him that his brother was with them, that they had beheaded him, and that the photo would be posted on the Internet.

16.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Tweet from Arman Tatoyan

Telegram message from Infocom (in Armenian)

Execution of a wounded Artsakh soldier by an Azerbaijani soldier.

25.10.2020

Trigger Warning Tweet from Conflict News

News.am article

Elderly woman explains how she witnessed two POW routinely kicked, one had a broken arm, and later learned that they had been killed.

30.10.2020

YouTube Video by Investigation Committee

Facebook post by Armenian Unified Infocenter (with English and Russian subtitles)

Photos and videos emerge of nineteen Armenian dead bodies, some of them handcuffed and others naked.

Trigger Warning Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Trigger Warning Zartok Media article

Trigger Warning Tweet from ONC3X

Scientist tortured and killed by Azerbaijani forces in his house in Hadrut.

Date Unknown

Iravaban.net article

Attacks against medical units and establishments in violation of:

1899 and 1907 Hague Regulations - Article 27;

First Geneva Convention - Article 19;

Fourth Geneva Convention - Article 18;

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 12; and/or

Rome Statute - Article 8(2)(b)(ix).

Hospital targeted in the north-eastern direction of Artsakh.

14.10.2020

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Zartok Media article

Maternity and children's hospital in Stepanakert targeted.

28.10.2020

Zartok Media article

Facebook post of Vahagn Tevosyan

Instagram post of Mikhail Galustyan

Mother and child health centre targeted in Stepanakert.

03.11.2020

Facebook post of the State Emergency Service of the Artsakh Republic

Zartonk Media article

One Free World International article: "Attacks on hospitals and churches are war crimes."

OFWI article

Attacks against medical personnel in violation of:

First Geneva Convention - Article 24; and/or

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 15(1).

Medical transports helping wounded soldiers targeted.

14.10.2020

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Azeri soldiers disguised as Armenian troops ambush ambulance and kill an Armenian doctor

04.11.2020

Zartonk Media article

Attacks against humanitarian relief personnel and objects in violation of:

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 71(2); and/or

Rome Statute - Article 8(2)(b)(iii).

Fire engine transporting drinking water targeted.

01.11.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Artsakh Ombudsman

Attacks against journalists in violation of:

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 79(2).

French and Armenian journalists injured and/or targeted in Martuni.

01.10.2020

Video of the shelling

YouTube video by 24TV

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Minibus transporting journalists targeted in Martuni.

02.10.2020

Armenpress article (in Armenian)

Tweet from Armenian Unified Infocenter

YouTube video by Factor tv

Two Russian journalists and their fixer injured in the shelling of Ghazanchetsots

08.10.2020

RT article

Washington Post article

Attacks against cultural or religious property in violation of:

Rome Statute - Article 8(2)(b)(ix); and/or

1899 and 1907 Hague Regulations - Article 27

Ghazanchetsots, a church in Shushi, struck two times.

08.10.2020

YouTube video by News.am

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Tweet from Artak Beglaryan

Religious monument in Artsakh destroyed by Azerbaijani soldiers.

09.10.2020

Video posted on Streamable

One Free World International article: "Attacks on hospitals and churches are war crimes."

03.11.2020

OFWI article

Improper use of enemy uniform in violation of:

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention - Article 39(2); and/or

Rome Statute, Article 8(2)(b)(vii)

Azeri soldiers disguised as Armenian troops ambush ambulance and kill an Armenian doctor

04.11.2020

Zartok Media article

Use of incendiary weapons in violation of:

Protocol III of the 1980 Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons - Article 1 and 2;

Protocol I to the Geneva Convention Article 51(1); and/or

The Chemical Weapons Convention - Article VII(1).

Phosphorus munitions used to burn forests in Artsakh close to residential areas with many civilians. It's reported that civilians were also hiding in forests during the war.

30.10.2020

YouTube video by NKR Defense Army

Tweet from Zohrab Mnatsakanyan

Telegram message from Wargonoz

Tweet from Arman Tatoyan

L'Obs article (in French)

1,815 acres burned by the Azeri use of phosphorus munitions

02.11.2020

Zartok Media article