

Russian Invasion of Georgia

Crimes Committed in the So Called “Buffer Zone” after the Cease-Fire of August 12th

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After Russian regular troops and South Ossetian militia destroyed Georgian villages within the conflict zone, expelling and killing ethnic Georgians, they extended these brutal activities to nearby villages in the Gori and Kareli districts; These areas, which were away of the conflict zone, have now been deemed by Russia as being in a so called “security/buffer zone”.

After the cease-fire, more than 140 crimes were registered in the Shida Kartli region, on the territories beyond MIA control, including: 9 murders, 2 attempted murders, 17 robberies, 4 burglaries, 14 health injuries, more then 70 thefts, more then 20 damage or destruction of property, one illegal seizure of weapon and one blackmail.

This goes to show that there is a serious security vacuum in the buffer zones and there is an urgent need for EU monitors to be granted unfettered access to these areas. However, monitors are not enough. The criminal situation proves that the Russian troops are not willing and are not capable of providing security for populations in the “security zones” or in the region of South Ossetia. Therefore, there is an urgent need for an international policing and peacekeeping force, preferably from the EU, to be deployed in the conflict zones in order to provide security for those who remain in the region and for those who seek to return to their homes before winter begins.

The list below is not exhaustive and is updated daily.

September

- On September 21, George Melnikov (born in 1986, resident of village Variani) got injured after an explosion of a landmine left by Russian occupants in his own garden;
- On September 20, Vepkhia Gegelashvili (born in 1973, resident of village Khvedureti) was aggressed and injured by unidentified individuals;
- On September 19, near village Megvrekisi, two Ossetians hijacked an “Opel” type vehicle (# BOI598) which Bondo Chubinidze (born in 1971,

resident of Gori, at Gorgasali str. 14) was driving. The Ossetian criminals took his and his passenger's – David Chubinidze's (born in 1970, resident of Gori, Sukhishvili str. 63) cell-phones;

On September 18, two cows were stolen from Suliko Gigauri (born in 1931, resident of village Kitsnisi); ak albat raghac akliia

- On September 16, Emir Mindiashvili (born in 1958, resident of village Ditsi) got physically aggressed by Ossetian militiamen;
- On September 11, in village Disevi, Gori region, Ossetian separatists have brutally beaten Mikhael Tukhareli (born in 1940), robbed him and burned down his house;
- On September 10, in the vicinity of village Karaleti, Gori region, at the check-point of Georgian Police, a district police officer, junior inspector of the Eredvi regional administration of MIA, sergeant Kakhaber Tsozniashvili (born in 1981), was shot dead from the area controlled by the Russian and Ossetian forces;
- On September 10, Vasil Javakhishvili (born in 1938, resident of village Ksuisi) has been injured by Ossetian militiamen;
- On September 9, in village Brotsleti, Gori region, Zhora Finavriti (born in 1938, resident of village Brotsleti), got injured after a mine exploded in his own orchard;
- On September 8, in village Plavismani, Nodar Tatulashvili (born in 1960, resident of village Plavismani) was stabbed with a knife in the chest;
- On September, 3, unidentified individuals stole cattle belonging to Iakob Begheluri, resident of village Disevi, Gori Region;
- On September 2, members of Kurta Division of Shida Kartli Main Regional Unit of MIA: Badri Gogidze, Emzar Gongadze, Kakhaber Metreveli, Mamuka Maisuradze, Shalva Nebieridze, Ivane Datashvili, Ioseb Melanishvili and an employee of the III Division of Gori Unit of MIA Levan Gigauri, were performing their duties at the check-point located in the village Akhalubani, Gori region, the conflict zone; Two Russian and four Ossetian armed individuals in military uniforms attacked the check-point. The individuals were driving an armored vehicle and were armed with machine guns. They threatened Georgian policemen with machine guns

and took away seven automatic rifles and one "Makarov" type pistol. The criminals also took away "Toyota-Hilux" type vehicle (# ILO841) belonging to the police and a "Ford" type private vehicle (# KIS254) parked in front of the check-point, belonging to Ilia Migrijanashvili (born in 1984, resident of village Akhalubani, Gori region);

- On September 1, four armed Ossetian criminals brutally attacked Nora Kvinikadze's (born in 1936) family in village Abanos Koda. The criminals killed Nora Kvinikadze and wounded her son George Kvinikadze (born in 1962) and her grandchild, Raul Kvinikadze (born in 1988);
- On the 1st of September, a cow belonging to Zurab Makasarashvili (born in 1943, resident of village Marana) was stolen;

August

- On August 30, in village Shindisi Ossetians threatened Nugzar Gamgebeli (born in 1956, resident of village Kelktseula, Gori region) with firearms and hijacked his "Opel-Astra" type vehicle (# HYH682);
- On August 28, cattle belonging to Mikheil Ginturi (born in 1939, resident of village Mejvriskhevi), was stolen from the pasture on the territory controlled by Ossetian separatists;
- On August 26, an unidentified dead body of a male was found in village Shindisi, Gori region;
- On August 26, Zaza Tsereteli (born in 1985, resident of village Ergneti) declared that near the public school #3, at Amilakhvari str, Ossetians put him into a mini-van and injured him;
- On August 26, Ossetian separatists released Tamaz Sirbiladze's (the resident of v.Variani, Gori region) children who were detained, beaten and tortured;
- On August 25, ethnic Ossetians in military uniforms injured George Kasradze (born in 1941, resident of village Ergneti);
- On August 25, Nodar Kareli (born in 1953, resident of village Tkviavi) got injured after explosion of a landmine;
- On August 25, an unidentified individual has called Nodar Gudadze (an IDP from village Mereti, Gori region, staying in Tbilisi, at Kindergarten #97,

- Gagarini Squire) presumably from N.Gudadze's own house in village Mereti and told him to pay 1000 GEL as a ransom, threatening to kill his parents and burn down his house;
- On August 24, Ossetians and Russians robbed a shop in Gori, in so called "Vologda" district;
 - On August 24, after a landmine explosion nearby the military base in Gori, Tsmindatskali district, Nanuli Makrakhidze (resident of Gori, at Muskhelishvili str. 54) was killed;
 - On August 24, Ossetian militiamen stole a "Golf -3" type vehicle "# JIM105" belonging to Jimsher Khachidze (born in 1979, resident of village Kvibisi), from Badri Karelashvili's house in the village Rekhi;
 - On August 24, in village Koshka, Abe Gobozov, ethnic Ossetian, resident of village Khelchua, shoot from a firearm, wounding Guram Javakhi (born in 1938, resident of village Koshka) and Arkadi Tatiuri (born in 1961, resident of village Koshka);
 - On August 20, a shop at Shindisi highway #7, belonging to Amiran Khakhutashvili (born in 1962, living at Queen Tamar str. 19) was robbed;
 - On August 18, corn fields in village Dzevera, belonging to Nona Bukhradze (born in 1969, living at Ninoshvili st 102) were burnt down;
 - On August 16, a flat belonging to Sonia Bitadze (born is 1969, resident of Gori, at Tsereteli str. 2) was robbed;
 - On August 16, in village Mejvriskhevi, unidentified individuals threatened Temur Saakashvili (born in 1958, resident of Tbilisi) with firearms and hijacked his "VAZ 2103" type vehicle (# EO29AK15RUS).
 - On August 16, near village Breti, unidentified Ossetian separatists threatened Vazha Kopadze (born in 1959, resident of village Dvani) with firearms and hijacked his "VAZ 2103" type vehicle (# OAI377);
 - On August 14, the house of Mediko Sukhitashvili, resident of village Karaleti, was burnt;
 - On August 13, in Gori, a truck and a trailer (#61K3135-61K3136) belonging to Jevat-Ulusralasi-Tij Ltd, driven by a Turkish national Osman Shishman (born in 1976, resident of Trabzon) were hijacked;

- On August 13, Ossetian militiamen hijacked an Opel-Vectra type vehicle (# JIJ340) belonging to Ivane Elizbarashvili (born in 1974, resident of village Teleti, Gardabani region) near the village of Karaleti, Gori region.;
- On August 13, in Gori, an Opel-Vectra type vehicle (# AMA845) of Ervand Chegelidze (born in 1952, resident of Gori, at #34, Eristavi-Khoshtaria st.) was hijacked. ;
- On August 13, an Ossetian militiaman threatened Teimuraz Turazashvili (born in 1956, the resident of Tarkhnishvili str. 19/21) with firearm and hijacked his car, a WV Golf-3 (# VIP357);
- On August 13, near village Shavshvebi, armed individuals in military uniforms threatened Malkhaz Natriashvili (born in 1964, resident of village Kveshi) with firearms and hijacked his "Opel-Astra" type vehicle (#BOI785);
- On August 13, near village Doghliauri, armed criminals attacked Temur lakobashvili (born in 1952, resident of village Kvemo Khvedureti) who was driving his "Opel-Vectra" type vehicle (# ILO503) on the central highway and wounded him, robbing him of his property;
- On August 13, near village Breti, six unidentified armed Ossetian criminals hijacked a "Grand-Cherokee" type vehicle (#MHM-970), belonging to the Georgian company "Rus-Energo";
- On August 13, in village Ortasheni, Russian soldiers broke the iron shutters of the store belonging to Tamaz Papidze (resident of village Ortasheni) with a tank and stole food and other products;
- On August 13, an "UAZ" type vehicle (# PSP452) belonging to "Gori Emergency Service 03 Ltd", was stolen from the Gori Military Hospital area;
- On August 13 Ossetian militiamen wounded Archil Kasradze, a 73 years old resident of the village of Ergneti, with firearms; on September 3, Archil Kasradze was brought to Gori hospital.
- On August 12, Gela Chikhladze, a resident of village Tkviavi, was brutally killed by Ossetian militiamen in the village;
- On August 12, Zakro Melitauri and his brother Mlkeul, were brutally killed by Ossetian militiamen in their house in Tkviavi;

- On August 12, Ossetian militiamen threatened Gocha Demetrashvili (born in 1966, resident of village Beloti) with arms and took away his "Gazel" type vehicle (# ACG-254);
- On August 12, Ossetian militiamen robbed two English and one French nationals in the village of Karaleti and took away their vehicle;
- On August 12, Ossetian militiamen hijacked in the village of Karaleti, Gori region, a "VAZ-21011" type vehicle (# DDI925) belonging to Gela Karelidze;
- On August 12, Ossetian militia hijacked in the village of Karaleti a mini-bus belonging to I. Lashkarashvili;
- On August 12, from the highway close to Gori, Ossetian militia hijacked a car belonging to a German national – Mr. Pening. During the robbery Mr. Pening and his wife Tamar Burdiladze were wounded;

The crimes listed below were committed in August within or in territories adjacent to the conflict zone; the date of commitments can not be identified as they became known only after access to the sites was made possible:

- In the period of August 7-20, a house belonging to Sesili Pavliashvili (living in Gori at Mejvriskhevi str. #4) was robbed;
- On August 8, an unidentified dead body of a male, with signs of violence was brought from Tkviavi to Gori hospital;
- In the period of 8-11 August, a clothes shop located in the trading centre "Galerea" at the Tskhinvali highway 8, Gori, belonging to David Shavshishvili (born in 1958, resident of Gori, Kakhniashvili Street 35) was robbed;
- In the period of 8-22 August, a cell-phone and computer equipment shop in Gori, located on Stalin str. 24, belonging to Grigol Umekashvili (born in 1967, resident of Gori, Shindisi highway 15/33) was robbed;
- In the period of August 8-24, Tamar Chokheli's flat in Gori, located on Shartava st 24, was robbed;

- In the period of 8-25 August, the focal transmission tower of the cell-phone Company "Magticom" near the village Sveneti was damaged by a blast;
- In the period of 8-27 August a flat, belonging to Nazi Kakhniashvili (born in 1949, resident of village Mejvriskhevi), was robbed;
- In the period of August 9-19, a flat belonging to Nargiza Tskhovrebashvili (born in 1961, resident of Gori, at D.Agmshenebeli str. 138), was robbed;
- In the period of 9-22 August, a shop, located in Gori, Tskhinvali highway #4, belonging to Lamara Tamarashvili (born in 1957, living at the same address) was robbed;
- In the period of 9-22 August, a BMW type vehicle, belonging to Gaioz Nazarashvili (born in 1981, resident of Gori, at Rustaveli str. 49) was robbed. A "TT" type pistol (# IK-3298) with two magazines were taken away together with other belongings;
- In the period of August 10 - 23, unidentified individuals robbed stores situated in Gori, on Stalin str. 15, on the first floor of Gori Central Post Office;
- In the period of August 10-23, a house belonging to Gaik Avoian (born in 1969, resident of Gori, Shrtava str. 139) was robbed; a shop belonging to the same G.Avoian, in Gori, Sukhishvili str. 22, was robbed as well;
- On August 30, a Turkish national, Ilgaz Sagi Tuisuzi (born in 1965, resident of Riza, Republic of Turkey) declared that unidentified individuals robbed two "Mercedes" trucks belonging to him, parked in village Akhalsopeli during the period of August 11-28;
- On September 9, Rostom Dadiani (born in 1954, resident of village Shertuli) declared that in the period of 11-16 August, his house was robbed;
- In the period of August 12-20, a flat belonging to Maia Gulikashvili (born in 1972, resident of Gori, at Shindisi Highway #4, was robbed;
- In the period of 12-24 August, the house of Valeri Sirbiladze (born in 1956, resident of village Tortiza) was robbed;
- In the period of August 13-15, during military activities, the supermarket in the village Variani, belonging to Bidzina Jirkvelashvili (born in 1959, resident of village Variani), was robbed;

- Elguja Okropiridze was killed by Ossetian militiamen in his own house in village Disevi, Gori region. Later Ossetians burnt his house;
- The house of Givi Makhachashvili, resident of village Dvani of Kareli region, was burnt;
- The house of Kako Korashvili, resident of village Dvani of Kareli region, was burnt;
- The house of Simon Mekarishvili, resident of in village Dvani of Kareli region, was burnt;
- In village Disevi of Gori region, the house of Shalva Tramakidze was burnt.
- In village Disevi of Gori region, Ossetian militia robbed, burnt and destroyed the houses of local inhabitants: Avto and Aliko Tramakidzes', Madona, Kakha, Gia, Elioze, Givi, Valo, Zakro and Achiko Okropiridzes';
- In August, computer equipment, furniture and files were taken away from the administrative building of #3 Division of MIA Gori Regional Unit and the building was damaged;
- In August, the house and the neighboring weapons' store, both belonging to Ivane Goglidze (born in 1973, resident of Gori, at Tbilisi str. 55) were robbed;
- In August, a shop in Gori, at Kipiani str. 56, belonging to Emzar Muradashvili (born in 1962, resident of Gori, Kipiani st 56) was robbed;
- In August Nato Okropiridze (resident of village Disevi, Gori region) was brutally killed and then burnt in her own house by Ossetian militiamen;
- In August Ossetian militia and Russian military servicemen robbed a trout farm located near village Karaleti, belonging to George Shoshiashvili (born in 1978, resident of Gori, Chanturia str. 42);
- In August, a "VAZ 2102" type vehicle (# MAN007), belonging to George Orjonikidze (born in 1963, living in Gori, Kipiani st #32/28) was hijacked.
- In August, a shop in Gori, at Guramishvili str. 5, belonging to Vasil Tsertsvadze (born in 1957, living in Gori, Samepo st 32) was robbed;
- In August, a restaurant "Venetsia" on 6th km of Tskhinvali highway, belonging to Temur Khachiuri (born in 1950, resident of Gori, at Jiuli Shartava str. 57) was robbed;

- In August, a cafe-bar in Gori, at Guramishvili str. 1, belonging to George Chitaia (born in 1978, resident of Gori, Sul Khan-Saba str. 26) was robbed;
- In August, a store on Tskhinvali highway #41, belonging to Emzar Saatashvili (born in 1970, resident of Gori, Shindisi highway 11) was robbed;
- In August, a store in Gori, at Kartli str. 15, belonging to Teimuraz Demurishvili (born in 1975, resident of village Tirdznisi) was robbed;
- In August, Russian soldiers burnt a "Mercedes" type vehicle (# TOK562), belonging to Jumber Moistsrapishvili (born in 1985, resident of village Nigvziani of Lanchkhuti region);
- On September 1, Khvicha Germanishvili (born in 1976, resident of village Karaleti) declared that his flat was robbed in August;
- In August, the Ossetian separatists burnt and destroyed the house of Amiran Tramakidze, resident of village Disevi of Gori region;
- In August, in village Avnevi of Gori region, the Ossetian separatists burnt the house belonging to Lamara Chigladze;
- In August, a pawnshop in Gori, at Chavchavadze st 4, belonging to Ana Kechkhuashvili (born in 1980, resident of Gori, Kutaisi str. 99) was robbed;
- In August, a shop, belonging to Tina Sabashvili (born in 1954, resident of village Mejriskhevi) was robbed. The shop was located in the same village;
- In August, a shop, belonging to Jimsher Bukhradze (born in 1959, resident of village Dzevera, in Gori region) was robbed;
- In August, a store in Tsmindatskali, belonging to Otar Sukhitashvili (born in 1957, resident of village Karaleti) was robbed;
- In August, two tons of petrol were stolen from the gas-station belonging to Leri Kvelidze (born in 1969, resident of village Kheltubani);
- In August two calves and poultry (600), belonging to Giuli Beruashvili (born in 1965, living at Mejriskhevi str. 5) were stolen;
- In August, a furniture warehouse on Tskhinvali highway, Gori, belonging to Marina Tsitsagi (born in 1956, resident of Gori, Shartava str. 139) was robbed;

- In August, the building of Gori Regional Service of the National Registry Agency in Gori, at Moscow str. 21, was robbed;
- Gori Branch of TBC Bank, situated in Gori, at Stalin str.13, was robbed;
- In August, a hunting rifle together with other belongings, was stolen from the house of Giorgi Jashashvili (born in 1958, resident of village Tkviavi);
- In August, potato crop was stolen from a farm, belonging to Nana Okropiridze (born in 1963, resident of village Satemo);
- In August, an enterprise producing metal-plastic windows and doors, situated in Gori, on Tskhinvali highway 2, belonging to Kartlos Jalabadze (born in 1967, living in Gori, at Geldiashhvili str. 26) was robbed;
- In August, the house of Kakhaber Inauri, in village Satemo was robbed;
- In August, the house of Merab Parekhelashvili, in village Satemo was robbed;
- In August, the house of Tariel Okropiridze, in village Satemo was robbed;
- In August a shoe shop at Tskhinvali highway 5, Gori, belonging to Lela Godelashvil (born in 1981, resident of Gori, Kipiani st. 33/20) was robbed;
- On September 1 Khvicha Germanashvili (born in 1976, resident of village Karaleti) declared that his flat was robbed in August;
- In August, a flat, belonging to Zaza Savin (born in 1969, resident of Gori, Shindisi highway) was robbed;
- In August, a windscreen of a vehicle parked at the parking area on Tskhinvali highway and belonging to Artem Golijashvili (born in 1972, resident of village Patara Garejvari) was damaged and the license plates (SOK005) were stolen;
- In August, the house of Nukri Karumidze (born in 1955) was robbed in village Tortiza;
- On August 25, Severi Saakashvili (born in 1950, living at Ketevan Tsamebuli str. 29) declared that a corn company belonging to him - LTD "Kasevi & Company", located at Shindisi highway 17, was robbed in August;
- In August a shop at Tskhinvali highway 6, belonging to Maia Chalauri (born in 1964, resident of Gori, Tsereteli str.5) was robbed;

- In August, a corn processing enterprise Ltd "Gvantsa", in Gori, on Tskhinvali highway 6th km, belonging to Shalva Kechkhuashvili (born in 1955, living at Queen Tamar str, 11) was robbed;
- According to the declaration made on August 27, by Mzia Merebashvili (born in 1944, resident of village Tortiza) her shop was robbed in August;
- According to the declaration made on August 26, by Ventsiag Veng (born in 1973, temporarily living in Gori, at Stalini str. 23), a Chinese shop at the marketplace has been robbed in August;
- On 25th of August, after visit of the basic station of the cellular phone company "Magticom" near village Igoeti it was found out that one air conditioner and an accumulator for the generator were stolen;
- Valerian Taruashvili (born in 1954, resident of Gori, at Queen Tamar str. V block, #18/8) declared on August 29, that car tire repair center in Gori, at Lomauri str. 4, belonging to him was robbed in August;
- On August 30, Bagrat Sidamonidze (born in 1957, resident of village Akhalsheni), declared that unidentified individuals robbed his flat in August;
- On August 31, a damaged "VAZ 2103" type vehicle (# ADA718), belonging to Koba Kharazishvili (resident of Tbilisi, Chichinadze st 29/67) was found on the right bank of the river Mtkvari;
- The director of the Ltd. "Khidmsheni" Z.Kopinashvili declared on the 3rd of September, that Ltd "Khidmsheni" was robbed and damaged during the military actions;
- On September 4, Meri Ginturi (born in 1949, resident of village Mejvriskhevi) declared that her house was robbed in August;
- On September 9, Mikheil Jashashvili (born in 1966, resident of village Tkviavi), declared that in August his "Zil-130" type vehicle (# OOQ462) was stolen;
- On September 10, Givi Gamgebeli (born in 1940, living at Gamgebeli str. 8) declared that his house was robbed in August;
- On September 13, Irina Zabiloni (born in 1968, resident of Gori, at Gamgebeli Street 9) declared that in August during the military activities her house was robbed;

- On September 10, the OSCE office in Georgia declared that in August, during military activities, seven of their vehicles were stolen in the conflict zone;
- On September 16, the regional sales manager of Ltd. "Sharmtrading", located in Tsmindatskali district Alex Gogiasvili (born in 1975), declared that in August, during the military activities, the "Mercedes" type vehicle (# VIV482) and products for sale were stolen from the store;
- On September 16, Makvala Kulijanashvili (born in 1949, resident of Gori, at Rustavi Street 27) declared that in August, during the military activities, her house was robbed;
- On September 17, Nani Lapachi (born in 1957, living at Barnovi Street "a"/36), declared that in August Ltd."Progress", located nearby the above mentioned address, was robbed;
- In August, a flat belonging to Zoya Kachkachishvili (born in 1955, living at Rukhadze str. #59/28, in Gori) was robbed;