Severe Human Rights Violations' Cases in the Occupied Territories

2011

- 1. On 3 April, **M. P.** was shot when he was driving his lorry close to the village Tsarche, Gali district. He later died of his injuries.
- 2. On 13 April, the body of 25 year old **N. J.** has been delivered from Sokhumi to his family in village Dikhazurga, Gali district. **N. J.** was arrested on 9 April and he died as a result of torture.
- 3. On 7 May, Sh. E. has been murdered by unknown people in village Sida, Gali district.
- 4. On May 18, at approximately 8:00 a.m. the occupation forces in uniforms attempted to detain five young men (17, 21, 22, 26 and 27 years old respectively) residing in village Chalvani, Sachkhere district. They were gathering "Jonjoli" plant in the Cholto gorge in the vicinity of the occupation line. The young men tried to run away but the uniformed persons opened fire towards them. As a result, two of them were wounded (including 17 years old pupil, who was badly injured).
- 5. On July 6, at about 8 a.m. the Russian occupation forces have opened fire to driver close to village Tagiloni, Gali district, who was driving mini bus in the direction of Koki-khurcha. There were passengers in his mini bus, including children.
- 6. On 22 July, the body of the resident of village Achigvara, Gali district, **N. B.** was found in village Shamgona, Zugdidi district. **B.** has intended to cross occupation line and has drowned in River Enguri.
- 7. On November 6, resident of Tbilisi, while crossing the so called "central check point" in village Chuburkhinji, Gali district near Enguri river bridge has been stopped by de facto Abkhazian military officers and asked to give them his personal cell phone. After refusing de facto military officers' order, he was bitten in front of his relatives and taken to some other building near the central check point and was bitten again by nearly 10 Abkhazian officers. After the incident he has been released.

2012

- 8. On January 9, the resident of village Kokhora, Gali district **V. R.** was bitten and afterwards killed by the unknown people near his house in village Gagida, Gali district.
- 9. On February 15, nearly at 13:40hrs, on the road of village Tagiloni Gali district de facto Abkhazian military officers stopped the 10th year school boy. After requesting his ID, the officers searched his school bag and found the Georgian school materials with a Georgian flag on the front page. Afterwards the young kid was bitten and thrown into a small water trench on the road.
- 10. On July 11, several unknown armed people opened a fire towards the car driven by the resident of Gali district. During the incident he was seriously wounded.

- 11. On August 14, the resident of village Kvemo Barghebi, Gali district **G. B.** was detained by de facto Abkhazian forces and was taken to Sokhumi. **G. B.** while trying to escape was shot by de facto Abkhazian forces.
 - On August 15, the dead body of **B.** was found in the area of the village Gudava, Gali district.
- 12. On November 14, at 14:30 hrs, the resident of village Koda, Kareli district, was attacked by two unknown perpetrators in Russian "OMON" uniforms on the road between villages Koda and Abano, Kareli district. The attackers speaking in Ossetian language tied him to a tree and beat him brutally for fighting against Ossetians in 2008 August war. Apart from the injuries that **victim** got, he lost the mobile phone. Notably, the incident took place inside of TCCG (Territory Controlled by the Central Government) at nearly one kilometer from the occupation line.

2013

- 1. On March 12, at about 10:00 hrs, the resident of village "Atara Armianskaia," Ochamchire district **V. Sh.** who was moving by red "Jiguli" vehicle on the territory of the village "Atara Armianskaia" was attacked by 4 armed perpetrators in masks. The perpetrators who were moving by the black car opened a direct fire towards **Sh.** who as a result instantly died. The citizen of Armenia, sitting next to Shlarba in "Jiguli" was wounded heavily. Later, the car, abandoned by the perpetrators was found burnt in the area of village Tamishi, Ochamchire district.
- 2. On March 18, the family of **S. Ch.**, in the village of Akhalsopeli, Gudauta district was attacked by two armed unknown persons. Perpetrators brutally beat family members that led to the direct death of **S. Ch.**. To cover their track, perpetrators set fire to **Ch.s'** house.
- 3. On March 22, the resident of village Chkaduashi, Zugdidi district **G. E. K.** left the home and has not returned since. On March 26, the unknown persons informed **K.**'s parents that their son was kidnapped at the territory of Gali district and demanded the ransom of amount 500 000 USD for his release. The corpse of **K.** was found on April 11 in the river Enguri, on the territory of village Tagilioni, Gali district.
- 4. On March 25, at 20:00 hrs, the corpse of the resident of village Saberio, Gali district, **T. K.** was identified at the right beach of River Enguri. After the illegally stationed Russian FSB officers at so called Enguri central bridge's check point did not pass **K.**, the latter decided to cross the TCCG through river that led to his death.
- 5. On October 1, the resident of the village Sida, Gali district, was detained by Russian FSB officers for "illegal border crossing" reason in the area of village Nabakevi, Gali district, when she was traveling to Zugdidi's hospital for child birth. While the Russian FSB Officers tried to take her to the Nabakevi military base, **she** got scared and lost the reason. The doctors of the Nabakevi clinic and local inhabitants witnessed the incident. Despite the resistance of the Russian FSB officers they managed to take **her** to the TCCG by gurney where she had emergency surgery.
- 6. On October 3, at 14:00 hrs, the resident of the village Okumi, Gali district **I. B.** was gotten off from the mini taxi bus by Russian FSB officers in the area of so called "Apsandzes" pathway (Nabakevi, Gali disrict)

when he was traveling to visit his son in the territory of occupied Abkhazia. On **B**.'s request to let him go, one of the Russian FSB officers hit him butt of the gun. As soon as the latter tried to escape from the scene, the FSB officers followed him. While running away from them, **B**. felt ill and died on the spot.

- 7. On October 27, Russian FSB officers did not allow ambulance vehicle to cross ABL in order to pick up the resident of village Tagiloni, Gali district **M. E.** who was in severe heath condition (coma). After blocking of the ambulance vehicle by the Russian occupation forces the relatives of **E.** were forced to take the patient through Enguri Bridge by gurney from TCCG to the occupied Gali district. On October 28, unfortunately **M. E.** died.
- 8. On December 28, at Nabakevi Military Base Russian officers stopped the emergency vehicle, which carried the resident of village Ingir, Zugdidi district, **B. Kh.** (DOB 02.05.1954) with serious illness. The emergency medical personnel diagnosed the patient with the critical illness and demanded to carry him to the TCCG, but the Russian FSB officers didn't permit the vehicle to cross the ABL and take the patient to Zugdidi district. While, the medical personnel were trying to take the patient to the TCCG of Georgia towards Meore Otobaia village, **B. Kh.** died.

2014

- 9. On June 4, 2014, the resident of occupied Akhalgori district, **D. B.** was called to de facto "Militia" office. After being at the de facto "Militia" office no one has ever seen him. On January 4, 2015 **Mr. B.'s** dead body was found in the area of village Doliaani, Akhalgori district.
- 10. On October 26, in the evening hours, three armed unknown perpetrators kidnapped the resident of village Tagiloni, Gali district **E. E.** from his own cornfield located a few hundred meters from his house. On the way the perpetrators met **E.'s** neighbor, who was physically abused and was released with the promise that he would inform **E.'s** family that the kidnappers demand one million RUB for **E.'s** release.

On October 27, after paying ransom of amount 100 000 RUB, **E.** was found unconscious by his family in a particular place indicated by the perpetrators.

On October 28, **E.** being in a coma was taken by his family members to the Zugdidi hospital, where he died two days later (on November 2).

E.'s body was taken for the funerals to the village Tagiloni, Gali district.

- 11. On December 14, three armed unknown perpetrators attacked the resident of village Otobaia, Gali district **N. U.** and tried to kidnap him. During the incident **U.** managed to grab the mask to one of the perpetrators and as a result he was shot and killed. Afterwards, the perpetrators left the scene.
- 12. On December 18, in the evening hours, the Russian FSB officers conducted the road checks for identification of documents of the local residents of Gali district. They stopped the resident of village Nabakevi, Gali district and demanded to name people, who through the so called "pathways" "illegally" take people across the ABL. As this person did not comply with the FSB officers' request, the latters

severely beat up him. After the incident he was found by local residents being in a coma and was taken to his own house.

- 13. On December 23, in the morning hours, four armed perpetrators in masks attacked the family of the resident of village Mukhuri, Gali district **T. B.**. During the incident **Mr. T. B.** was shot in the leg, what overall became the major reason for his death.
- 14. On December 31, in the evening hours, due to lack of the so called "Abkhazian passport", the resident of village Dikhazurga, Gali district **G. Ch.** was trying to enter Zugdidi district through the so called "pathway", when the River Enguri took her away.

On January 1, in the morning hours, **Ch.'s** body was found by her husband on the bank of the River Enguri, in the area of village Dikhazurga, Zugdidi district.

2015

15. On January 7, due to lack of the appropriate conditions, (proper medicines and artificial breathing machine) from the Gali Central Hospital there was needed for urgent medical transfer of the resident of Gali district, diabetic **R. L.** to the TCCG.

The vehicle ("Ford-Transit") transporting **Mr. L.** was stopped by the Russian FSB officers at the Chuburkhinji checkpoint nearly for half an hour, what overall became the reason of Mr. **L.'s** death. (NOTE: the patient died for the lack of the Oxygen.)

16. On May 4, there was needed for urgent medical transfer of the resident of village Kvemo Barghebi, Gali district, 12-year old **I. T. in** heavy health condition to the TCCG with the aim of receiving medical care in Zugdidi.

At about 12:30, at the chechkpoint in village Chuburkhinji, Gali district the Russian FSB officers didn't permit **T.** to cross the occupation line, as a result at about 14:00hrs, unfortunately **I. T.** died.