**Witness and martyr children in Khojaly**

They were kids and as any other kids they would wait for Santa Claus on New Year, would make egg fights on Novruz and jump over the fire saying “Agirligim, ugurlugum odlara”. As everybody in their age they thought about their mothers as most beautiful woman and as their fathers as most stronger man.

But lights went out… one night lights went out! The day Khojaly was invaded , not only fires in the people’s houses went out, but also fires in their hearts. You couldn’t scare the kids anymore with mystical characters as “Cyclope”, “Khortdan”, “Wolf” they saw all of these with their own eyes. The night of 25th to 26th of February, 1992 when squad number of 366 of Russian army and Armenian armed forces that were located in Khankendi smashed city of Khojaly babies were also among the victims. Now every kid from Khojaly has its own name, but still their names remained same: victims of Khojaly Genocide.

Aliyev Yaver Elkhan (7 years) – the light in our house was out, I couldn’t sleep. When the shooting started first we run to our neighbors’ basement, then towards forest. Armenians caught us on the way Then started shooting us. Everybody lay down, they ordered those alive to stand up. We stood up. They took us to Khankendi. Then they cut head of uncle Ahmed the policeman. They hanged him by their hands and played football with his head. After they shot Khanim’s daughter Natavan with shot gun and later Malahat and Malak. Malahat was 15, Malak 24 and Natavan 2.

Salimova Sara Siyavush, “Twokids and one woman was murdered near Alish teacher’s door. Her 12th year old daughter was by her and 4 year old son was laying on her chest”

Aliyeva Nasiba Huseyn (Yaver’s mother)- “There was a building near Khojaly bridge. There were around 50 soldiers who called us in Azerbaijani. Happily we run towards them and then we saw that they are Armenians. When we run back they started shooting. Only 14 of us left out of 40. They took us as hostage. They kept us in cold and humid place and didn’t give us food. There was a 5 month old baby whose mother died. I couldn’t find a piece of bread to give to the child. There was garbage can near the place we stayed, somehow I was able to get ther. There I found leftovers of cabbage soup that I gave to the child...”

Orujova Khatira Ali (8 years old) – “We were asleep. Then we heard loud noise. And noticed that houses on the other side are burning. We ran towards the tunnel- my father, my mother and 4 kids. Then we ran towards the forest. At night we stayed in forest. I was cold and hungry.In ther morning they first shot my mom, then my aunt. She was only seventeen. (Khatira’s sister Khayala was also shot. She was on her chest, shoulder. Her lungs and plevra was in blood. Bullets broke her ribs).

Talibov Samed Rahim (62)- “The was fire raining on the city. People were so scared that were running where they could at night. We run towards the forest with bunch of people. Most of the people were barefoot without andy hats. Elderly could stand cold, hunger and hardship. But for children it was very hard. They were crying and asking for the bread. For three days we stayed in forest without food. Then we saw that Armenians surrounded us.They beat us and took to the stable. There were 50-60 people there. Then Armeninans came again and started harrasing children and women with the guns. Nobody could say a single, othewise they got shot.

Aliyev Elbrus Ali: Telman hid behind the bushes with his family. Armenians started shooting the bush and all the family was destroyed. Only one small girl from family survivied by accident. 5-6 year old kid was crying on body of his dead father and mother. Armenians was watching the child but were not killing him for purpos, because they were enjoyed his suffering.

Hatamova Nazile Hilal (39) – Mother of 8th year old Khatira died near me. When she got wounded she bagged 13th year old son Ramin to take her coat and run away with people to stay alive. Khatira was begging me to help her mother. Khatira gave her coat to her younger sister. Armenians were going toward dead bodies taking their money, gold, clothes. I told Ramin and Khayala to pretend as dead. Shooting started and Armenians ran. When soldiers of our national army came we were afraid to make a sound thinking that it could be Armenians.

Alakbarova Nurida Mehemmed: I ran forward to save my kids. But bullet found my son Sekhavet. I asked people to put him on my back. My poor baby was crying saying to put him down because he was in pain. The bullet went from his back and got out from his chest. His blood was running on my back. After half an hour my baby lost his life, still in my back. I took his body and with my two other kids we went to Qaraqaya. And bullets were constantly running above our head.

Qarayev Vugar (18)- “There were a lot of people in the forest. Kids were crying,shouting. Women were pressing closing children

Ahmedova Mushgunaz Isa (30) – “We didn’t have anything to eat and were eating snow out of hunger. Lots of small children couldn’t bear the hunger and were freezing.”

Talibova Sariyya Aga (53) – “After taking us a hostage they took to the Armenian cemetry. They beheaded 4 Mehseti Turk and 3 Azebaijanians near the grave of one armenian as a victims. Then in front of the eyes of parents they started torturing and killing their kids. Then with the help of buldoser the collected bodies in one pit. Then they took out eyes of two Azerbaijani soldiers.”

Usubov Khayyam Shahin (9) – “They burnt the village. Mother helped us to cross the river. After crossing the river we lost our grandfaterh. My uncles Saday and Teymur wounded duringd the shooting. Chichek died on top of the hill. Mom Zarifa got wounded on her leg. We lay down and drag ourselves. Dead bodies were everythe. I was afraid to look at them.

Mustafayeva Banovsha Ibrahhim (38) – Everywhere we could hear bullets of shot guns , tanks or ot other machines. There were kids and women in the valley. Armeninans crossed our way. Mushfi,Mushfigs mother, uncle, other two people, gentleman with baby in his arms and other people died. Khumar Salimova, me and my baby, Tefeekul and and his baby were wounded. Tefekkul’s baby has lost his leg.

Mammadova Dilber Jamil- when we were crossing Nakhchivanik street they shot us from Esgeran, Nakhchivanik and from the road side. Bullets were coming at us raindrops. I hid behind bushes. There were a lot of people. I thought they were hidding from bullets. But then I saw that they are all dead. Dead, wounded it looked like iceland in the lake of blood. My son Vagif gave me a kid to carry. It was Tahir’s daughter Hemayil. Her father and mother die. We were crawling on the snow. Elkhan’s one year old kid freeze and died.

Bizdinova Asya Mushur (Mehseti Turk)- It snowed heavily. They took us as hostage. 6 in the morning they took us to Khankendi barefooted on foot. We were 364 people out of them 320 were children. Close to Khankendi they ordere us to sit on the snow. Children were freezing and dying.

Abdullayeva Khayala Ilham was only one month when the tragedy happened. With her mom she wastaken as hostage in one basement without window or door. After many hardships they were exchanged. She lost her grandfather and aunts.

Abbasova Lalakhanim Salman (9) and all of her family member freeze their legs and their legs were amputated. When taken hostage they were beaten and tortured by armeninans.

Abdullayeva Vusale Ilham (4) – Her mom’s Senem’s words – “We run to the forest barefoot without hat. After 4-5 hours all of us lost our energy. One day we were walking. My grandmother and dad died on the way. Then Armenians attacked us. They took our clothes and jewelerry. They cut earring from my daughter’s ears. After that time whenver she sees somebody with knives she gets scared thinking that they are Armeninas who are coming to kill her. They first took us to Pirjamanli village and then to Khankendi. On the way the broke hand of one boy Valieddin. My kid was crying out of hunger. One old Armeninas was saying to guards not to give bread to kid so she can die out of hunger. Then they exchanged us. After that Vusala is crying every night that Armenians are killing us. Her two toe finger were frozen and amputated.

Abishova Chinare Nazim (10) – During the tragedy her mom Mahbuba, her seven year old brother Chingiz stayed in Khojaly. Nothing is known about their fate.

Agayev Vusal Settar (10)- on February 25 together with his family members run to Ketik forest and was shot there. For three days he stayed in the fores without water and food and dided there.

Agayarova Sevinj Isa (7)- togehter with his son 11 year old brother Nabi adn 6 year old brother Roman were lost in Dehraz Forrest. Nothing is known about their fate.

Jafarov Samir Tacir (5) – was born in Khankendi. In1988 when Armenians stared distillation of Azerbaijani moved to Khojaly with his family. It is known that during the tragedy he was taken hostage together with his mother Shovket. But Armeninans are denying that they took them as hostage. Nothing is known about their fate.

Chobanova Nezaket Tapdig (8) – was studying at the second grade. He was murdered near Qaraqaya. His grave is in Agdam Martyr’s Alley near his father Tapdig.

Alakbarov Sexavet Tevekkul (9) – Murderer’s bullet came to his backand leaved from his heart. His mother drag his dead body to Agdam. He is burried in Agdam Martyr’s Alley.

Aliyev Elgiz Firdovsi (8) - was studying at the second grade of Khojaly school number 1. Together with his father Firdovsi,mother Kheyran, 10 year old brother stayed in forest for three days. Nothing is known about their fate.

Aliyev Elshan Ebil (5) – The rocket “Alazan” shoot by Armeninand wounded his lugns. The surgery couldn’t save him, he died after 6 days.

Aliyeva Yegana Meherrem (1.5 years.) – was murdered

Amirova Yegane Tevekkul (6) – Was murdered near Qaraqaya by Armenians. The grave is in Agdam Martyr’s Alley. Her sisters Nigar(8) and Khazangul (10) together with his father Tevekkul were taken as hostage. The father was burnt in front of the daughters.

Azimov Natiq Abbasqulu (6) – together with his mother Dilara was murdered near Nakhchivanik. Their dead bodied were brought to Agdam Martyr’s Alley after 23 days.

Hasanov Elgun Nazim (4) – mother Gulchohre, year and half year old sister Aygun were murdered near Nakhchivanik.Their graves are in Qiyamadinly village cemetry in Agjabedy region.

Huseynnova Maral Kamil (6)- Were murdered on the way to Nakchivanik. They were burried in Agdam Martyr’s Alley.

Khalilova Lala Tahir (4) – When was leaving the city was murderd together with his father Tahir and mother Zarifa. Out of their family only 6 year old Hemayil and 1 month old Gulnar stayed alive. Lala’s grave in Agdam Martyr’s Alley.

Qasimova Rasmiyya Aga (11) – was lost during the tragedy. Her fate is unknown.

Qambarova Esmira Safar (7) – Their house in Khankendi was burnt by Aremeninans, when they were about to get killed they escaped and run to Khojaly. During the tragedy together with 5 year old brother Emin together with 13 women and kids were murdered. They do not have graves.

Quliyev Samir Taleh (2) – Her father Quliyev Taleh was shot in the mouth and his head was smashed in front of his eyes. When his mother screamed she was shot and murdered. He then couldn’t leave body of his mom, Armeninan soldier saw that and hit Samir othe head smashing his brain.

Quliyeva Nurana Qaryagdi (13) – She was a good studen. Together with her mom Sara Huseyn, 16 year old sister Ravana and 7 year old brothe Shukur came to Dahraz forest. Nothing is known about their fate.

Quliyev Fuad Huseynaga (3) – togehter with his twin brother Murad and father Huseynaga was taken hostage, and came back only after one monthe. During rehabilitation period for a long time couldn’t get over the shock, woke up at night and screamed.

Quliyeva Sevinc Akber (8) – Was shot on her kidneys. Died, after staying one day in Agdam hospital. Her grave is in Agjabedi graveyard.

Mehdiyeva Aysel Murad (5) – With his father Murad, sister Gulmira were murdered on the way to Nakhchivanik. The grave is in Agdam Martyr’s alley.

Mehdiyeva Gulmira Murad (2) – with his grandfather Shava, fater Murad, sister Aysel were murdered on the way to Nakchivanik. Burried in Baku Alley of Martyr’s

Muradova Ayshen Zohrab (1) – Her grave is in Khojaly graveyard. Was hit by Alazan rocket shot by Armeninans.

Nabiyeva Maral Kamil (8) – murdered when was leaving the town.

Orujova Khayala Telman (6) –was forced to leave Asgaran region by Armeninans in 1988 and together with family came to Khojaly. Murdered together with father Telman and mother Irada near Nakchivanik. The only person stayed alive from family is sister Khatira who lives with her grandmother.

Orucova Natavan Nabi, (2 ) – Was murdered together with her mother Melek

Safiyev Sarvan Elxan, (1) – Freezed in the forest Nakchivanik

Shukurova Antiga Vagif (1) – was shot in her grandmother’s arm when leaving the town.

Valiyev Agasif Zakir (6) – was born in Khankendi. Came to Khojaly when Armeninans forced them to leave in 1988. Was killed near Naxchivanik.

Yusifova Natavan Penah qızı, (5) – was born in Shusha. In 1990 together with family moved to Khojaly and was murdered by Armeninans.

Zeynalova Aynura Tofiq qızı, (6 yaşında) – was killed in the fores

Nobody have right to forget the attrocities done by Armenian-russian terrorists.