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INTRODUCTION

In February 2023, the Center for Law and Justice “Tatoyan” Foundation and the Human Rights Ombudsman of Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) published a joint report¹ revealing the real picture behind the self-proclaimed “eco-activists” who have blockaded the only Road of Life that connects Artsakh and its 120.000 civilian population to the outside world².

The evidence in the report indicated that the Azerbaijani authorities brought people who were officially introduced as representatives of non-governmental and media organizations, but they are also financed from the state budget of Azerbaijan and from the funds created by the state itself. The biographies of the so-called “eco-activists” have been the subject of a detailed study and it has been found that they never had anything to do with environmental issues and that, in fact, they pursue political goals (establishing Azerbaijani checkpoints, etc.) at the instigation of the Azerbaijani authorities.

In social media, they spread hatred, animosity, and violence against ethnic Armenians, they sympathize and spread the ideas of the extremist nationalist terrorist organization, called “Grey Wolves”. Some of them posted pictures of the bodies of killed and tortured Armenian servicemen on their social media accounts, thus showing their joy and enthusiasm. There are even pictures where an Azerbaijani soldier holds an Armenian’s head in his hands after beheading him.

Put it in another way, the aforementioned report manifested the true motivation of hatred and that these people, in fact, are agents of the Azerbaijani government and they were sent by their authorities.

These are people who openly show their hatred towards Armenians and, in their public posts, openly encourage the killings of Armenians, and the destruction of Armenian communities. Another piece of evidence in this regard can serve the video jointly revealed and verified by the Foundation and the Human Rights Ombudsman of Artsakh, where the fake “eco-activists” show their true Armenian-killing intentions with an Azerbaijani song addressed to the Armenians. In particular, they sing a song that calls for murder and bloodshed.

¹ Joint Report, “The Azerbaijani Government’s ‘Eco-Activist’ Agents Who Blockaded the Only Road of Life Connecting Artsakh to Armenia and the Outside Worlds: Who Are These People? Evidence of State control and Hatred,” Yerevan and Stepanakert, February 2023, available at https://tatoyanfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/ECO_ACTIVISTS_22.02.2023V2.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3CUadchpJxZPX51cozPuZyGoVEaP1JeNn1dRbZDigq1h0JQgs8spUNaL4

² Several hundred Azerbaijani citizens posing as “environment activists” started blockading the Goris-Stepanakert road (also known as the “Lachin corridor”) on 12 December 2022. It is the only road that connects Artsakh and its 120.000 civilian population to Armenia and the rest of the outside world. The blockade of the Road of Life, therefore, has resulted in a humanitarian catastrophe with systemic and grave violations of human rights of the indigenous civilian population living in Artsakh.

The refrain of the song is translated as follows:

We are life takers, we go to kill / We go to take life / We go to shed blood for the blood left on the ground / We go to shed blood / We are life takers, we go to kill / We go to take life / We go to shed blood for the blood left on the ground / We go to shed blood.

At the end of the video, the activist shows the symbol of the “Grey Wolves” nationalist extremist (and terrorist) organization³.

This is another confirmation of the fact that the only Road of Life was illegally blockaded on 12 December 2022 by people who declared themselves “eco-activists”, but they actually are agents of Azerbaijan’s government, tools of the Azerbaijani authorities’ ethnic cleansing policy. They are people with hatred towards Armenians.

The Center for Law and Justice Foundation and the Human Rights Ombudsman of Artsakh have now prepared a new joint report which is essentially a continuation of the previous report.

In this current report, we selected fake “eco-activist” students, as well as ambitious young men and women who are motivated by nationalistic ideas and pro-government propaganda. The study of their social media accounts illustrates that they have never had any relation to environmental issues. Some of them are students, the others graduated from universities around the world, including Germany, Italy, Ukraine, Hungary, or Turkey.

But what is important here to mention is that acting under the control of Azerbaijani authorities they directly participate in the blockade of 120,000 people, including 30,000 children, in Artsakh and their ethnic cleansing policies of Azerbaijan the Armenian civilian population. And these facts should be mentioned not only before their alma mater universities but also before the universities in Europe, North America, East Asia, and around the world. World universities should be a way of ethnic cleansing “experience” of their future students who keep the only Road of Life still blockaded for more than three months now, and as a result systematically and gravely violate the human rights of the indigenous civilian population living in Artsakh.

³ The Foundation and the Human Rights Ombudsman have jointly established that this song was specifically written in July 2020, that is, before the 44-Day-War, as part of the Azerbaijani propaganda policy (to see the video or have more information, visit the website of the Foundation, <https://tatoyanfoundation.org/tesanyuth-apacuyc-thathoyan-himnadrami-koghmic-adrbejani-karavaruthyan-ekoaktivist-gortcakalnereh-hayerin-ughghvatc-adrbejanakan-ergov-cuyc-en-talis-irenc-irakan-mtadruthyunnerh-2/?lang=en>).

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