

EXTRACT FROM

**FILES OF THE CHANCELLERY OF INTERIOR MINISTRY ON VIOLENCE OVER
MOSLEM POPULATION OF KARABAKH AND UYEZDS OF ERIVAN PROVINCE
ADJACENT TO THE GANJA PROVINCE, BY ARMENIANS AND ARMENIAN
REPUBLIC FORCES**

(from file №80 - 1918, division IV).

1. The report of Kerim Aliya Mamed oglu, the chairman of the Zeyvi Society of Ganja Uyezd, on theft of cattle from residents of Molla-Valatli and capture of shepherd Asker Han Amir oglu in the end of September 1918.
2. Report №5 of September 11th 1918 of the Zangezur uyezd commander Melik-Namaz-Aliyev on frequent attacks of Armenians who pillage and murder everybody without consideration for age and gender, taking advantage of Andranik's stay in the Zangezur uyezd.
3. Report №3 of 1918 of the Zangezur uyezd commander. On destruction of villages Rut, Darabas, Agadu, Vagudu and burning of villages Arikli, Shukur, Melikli, Pulkend, Shaki, Kizildjik, Moslem part of Kara-Kilisa, Irluk, Pahlilu, Darabas, Kurtlar, Hotanan, Sisian and Zabadur by Andranik-led Armenians. 500 men, women and children, who did not manage to escape, were killed. An Armenian old man, who was captured, said that Andranik destroyed the villages at request of local (Zangezur) Armenians.
4. Report №2565 of the Ganja Uyezd Commander of September 12th 1918. On destruction of the Sharur-Daralagez district by Armenians led by an Armenian Republic Yapona commander, and warning to Moslem population concerning release of the 9th section for Armenian refugees from Turkey.
5. Memorandum №7562 of November 12th 1918 of the Ganja Province Chancellery. On disarmament of the Moslem population of 9th section and levying taxes by Andranik.
6. Telegramme \$108 of November 24th 1918 from Uyezd Commander Melik-Abbasov. On attack of 500 Dovtandli and Bazarkend Armenians on Kuturli residents and stealing of 210 horses and bulls loaded with wheat and other properties worth over ? million roubles. Agdara Armenians stole 83 heads of cattle from Galaychirli residents.
7. Telegramme №60 of November 24th 1918 from the Ganja Governor. On bombardment of the Tohludji settlement in the 9th section of the former Novo-Bayazet uyezd by Armenian troops, and demands to Shkhi residents for capitulation in the 4th section of Kazahk uyezd.
8. Statement №8549 of December 8th 1918 of the Ganja Governor. On pillages and all possible disorders by Armenians in Jevanshir, Jebrayil, Shusha and Zangezur districts.
9. Telegramme №161 of December 13th 1918 of the Ganja Governor. Concerning mass attacks of Armenians upon Moslem villages and committing everything to flames in Jebrayil and Zangezur uyezds. Arish village was attacked on December 10th. Armenians stole sheep and fired local residents. Armenians committed murders, pillages and destroyed the post office at the postal road under Shusha.
10. Telegramme №185 of December 11th 1918 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander. Concerning unexpected attack of Andranik-led Armenians upon Moslem villages after Moslems withdrew from their positions as a result of warnings from the English-French delegation. Armenians

brutally kill everybody without consideration for gender and age, maraud corpses and burnt down over twelve villages on December 9th. 10 women are currently seized by Armenians.

11. Telegramme №70 of December 14th 1918 of the Ganja Governor on annihilation of Moslems and barbarities in Moslem villages of Kalandararasi during attack of Andranik troops and local Armenians in Zangezur.

12. Report №655 of November 26th 1918 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander concerning Armenian attack upon Moslem settlements.

13. Telegramme №303 of December 11th from the Ganja Governor - as per report from Zangezur Uyezd Commander, the Andranik troops with local Armenians surrounded Nuvaord village in the 9th section and started to annihilate Moslems on December 19th. The fights near Darasi are still continuing.

14. Telegramme from the Jebrayil Zangezur Uyezd Commander Namazaliyev. Following the departure of English-French delegation, Armenians attacked Moslem village of Shabadiya and other settlements in the 5th district. Captured Armenians witnessed that the guilt rested with Andranik, who decided to annex the whole area down to the river to Armenia. Andranik was hanging those Armenians who did not wish to fight. The fights are continuing near Kim-Darasi.

15. Declaration №8979 of the Ganja Governor of December 19th 1918. Further to a message from the Jebrayil Uyezd Commander, Armenians are preparing to military activities. They concentrate their forces in Shusha and attack upon Moslems. A significant part of Zangezur was annihilated. Armenian gangs sack villages, murder people and steal cattle. It follows from a message of the Shusha Uyezd Commander, that Armenians laid siege on Moslem villages.

16. Telegramme №225 from Jebrayil of December 28th 1918. From residents of Nakhchyvan and Ordubad: 25,000 Armenians from Erivan surrounded 8 Moslem settlements, took away their weapons and subordinated to themselves. We were attacked by Zangezur Armenians.

17. Report №655 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander of November 26th 1918. Armenians who did away with the Sisiyan Magal Moslems, continue to annihilate Moslems in other areas as well. Armenian divisions of the Migri ravine destroyed Moslem settlements - 70 dims, Tey - 75 dims, Mulk - 30 dims, Banavsha-Push - 5 dims, Tagamir - 25 dims, - 100 dims and Vartapazur II - 60 dims, and murdered 200 civilians. According to newer reports, Armenians attacked the Aliyanlu settlement. Besides, Armenians attacked Moslem settlements in 1) Avansura; 2) Darili society and 3) Razdara.

18. Statement of №5623 of the Ganja Governor on September 26th 1918. Armenian residents of Upper and Lower Chaylu settlements in the Jevanshir uyezd prevent Moslems of the lower-lying villages from reconstruction of drain headworks.

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19. Petition of Dashkend village residents in Yeni Bayazet uyezd of Erivan province. From Meshadi Haji Kerim oglu and Beyuk Ali Haji Mirza Alekper oglu to the Interior Minister on January 23rd 1919. That the Armenian Government in the person of a state official with armed troops completely ravaged the residents of Moslem villages: 1) Zagalu, 2) Dashkend, 3) Zor, 4) Huseyn-Kuli-Agalu, 5) Sarial, 6) Boyuk-Karakoyunlu, 7) Kichik-Karakoyunlu, 8) Lower Narchamor, 9) Yeni Keti, 10) Kalbashi, 11) Kama-Belal, 12) As-Kdisa, 13) Zoranbil, 14) Inaka Dag, 15) Sultan-Ali-Kishlagi, 16) Ogrudja, 17) Beyuk Mochra, 18) Bala-Mochra, 19) Kesamal, 20) Shishkhal, 21) Sadana-Hach, 22) Kizil-Payka. The troops stay in each settlement of 5-6 days

and after a complete devastation, move to another village. The following villages were burnt down complete: 1) Orkulu, 2) Alchalu, 3) Kaminlu, 4) Yarbuzlu, 5) Kanlu, 6) Karkibash, 7) Chikhirlu, 8) Kefli-Kurdu and 9) Beyuk-Mazri.

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20. Telegramme №152/10 from the Ganja governor on January 6th 1919. The manager of the Zangezur uyezd reports that in spite of the arrival of English-French mission to Gerusi, Armenians are advancing to neighboring Moslem villages through the uyezd, murdering residents, destroying properties and burning houses down. The settlements of Razdara, Askarla and Valalar were destroyed and burnt down. The settlements of Kichiklu, Sobi and others are fired.

21. Inscription №9181 of the Ganja Governor of December 22nd 1918, at the petition of Ordubad city residents Salman bek Askerkhanov, Meshadi Huseyn Ismayilov and Mirza Jabar Hasanaliyev. The petitioners complained about Andranik and Armenian troops, who sack, murder and behave outrageously.

22. Statement №9403 of the Ganja Governor on December 28th 1918 with the telegramme of head of the Azerbaijan Post and Telegraph District. Concerning damaging of governmental telegraph wires. Armenian gangs prevent the wires from restoration and open fire on the workers.

23. Report №1200 of the Jevanshir Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on December 6th 1918. Agdara Armenians attacked a yatag (pasture) of Karapirullu village resident Jumshud bek Belibekov on 1 December night and stole a herd of 1350 sheep and 4 horses. On December 2nd, Dovtanlu village Armenians surrounded Moslem residents of the same village. The Moslems were disarmed and robbed. Three persons were killed, while the others managed to escape. On the same day December 2nd, a gang of Galyataga Armenians attacked the Sirkhovend village and stole 122 heads of cattle and 48 goats. The same band, if not strengthened by the Galyataga, Janataga and Kasapet Armenians, attacked the Kalaychalar village for two times and stole 105 heads of cattle. Armenians are attempting to force Moslems from the mountainous part of the province.

24. Telegramme №114 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander: in spite of the Armenian-French mission's promises, Andranik-led Armenians have destroyed, burned down and sacked the properties of over 30 Moslem settlements. Those residents who did not manage to escape, were brutally killed. On January 3rd it was reported that Armenians finally destroyed the Razdar settlement in the 4th section and murdered a part of residents. Armenians are claiming that Andranik and his troops are guilty.

25. Report №745 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on December 15th 1918. Armenians from the neighboring villages have destroyed and burned down Moslem settlements of Alidara, Marzagat and Tugut. The settlements of Nuvadi and Eynazur are surrounded and fired.

26. Telegramme №9 of January 24th from the Jevanshir Uyezd Commander. Agdara residents - Armenians Yedigat Karapetov, Ambartsum Sarkisov murdered and robbed Nagravend resident Alband Sadikh oglu.

27. Telegramme №349 of January 1919 from the Zangezur Uyezd Commander from Agdash. Settlements of Kushili, Adjilu, Arkazu and Aksarlu were destroyed by Armenians in early January. Settlements of Shagardjalan, Achaguz, Okhchi were seized by Armenians after a short siege. Settlements of Kiratak, Molalu, Kovnu, Karabagi, Gabarlu, Kichi, Bashbaki, Mahmudlu, Keyddashik, Kagachatu, Kururut, Kachyap, Kipe, Adji-badji are besieged by Armenians. One hundred soldiers from the Andranik troops are participating in the siege.

28. Telegramme №80 from the Ganja Governor on January 3rd 1919. Jebrayil Uyezd Commander reports by telegraph: Kara-Kend Armenians murdered escaping Moslems on the Agdam-Karagino road on January 1st.

29. Report №809 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on December 29th 1918. Agarak Armenians fired Moslem population of Hasthab and stole 60 heads of cattle. One of Hashtab residents was killed and two injured.

30. Report №795 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander - to General Governor on December 29th 1918. Armenians from villages Adjakend, Arpagedik, Teskharab and others, upon Moslem villages of Dashtagat and Firidjan. These villages were fired, 5 persons were killed and 48 heads of cattle, horses and 25 goats, were stolen.

31. Report №816 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to Ganja Governor on December 29th 1918. Armenians from the neighboring villages attacked the Mamazin village for the purposes of sacking, but were repulsed.

32. Report №112 of the Shusha Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 26th 1919. Armenian residents of Dokhraz and Gorov villages prevent residents of Abdal village from chopping firewood in the forest and pasturing cattle. An Armenian commander Armenak Baliyantz requires the residents to give 200 poods of wheat for the Armenian troops.

33. Telegramme №44 of February ..., 1919, from the Jevanshir Uyezd Commander.

A band of 30 persons, headed by Junya, Hachatur and Bukan, attempted to steal cattle from Kopazli residents. One Moslem was injured and one cow was shot dead.

34. Report №165 of the Shusha Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 28th 1919. Armenian residents of Karakend village shot two Moslems dead and damaged telegraph wire Agdam-Karagino on December 31st 1918. Armenians of Guzey and Gunen-Chertaz villages cut down and ploughed up all gardens in Moslem villages of Veysalli and

Armenians, a total of 30 riders and 100 foots, headed by Guzey-Chertaz village residents Karakhan Vakimov, Me-likset Babayev, Osip Hachiyev, Sarkis Agalarov and Guney-Chertaz village resident Arutun Arutunov and others, attached senior representatives of the Veysalli community in Tovla-Duzi area where he was getting the saman on December 31st 1918. The accident was followed by a skirmish.

On January 8th 1919, Armenian residents of Goga and Chirakuz residents with large armed forces attacked Kovshatlu village and began a skirmish. Armenians from the 2nd police station of the Shusha uyezd attack and sack the neighboring Moslem villages all the time.

35. Telegramme №136 from the Ganja Governor on February 6th 1919.

Armenians ravage Moslem villages of the Yeni Bayazet uyezd of Erivan province. Men are killed, while women are taken away by force, raped and released.

36. Telegramme №394 from the Ganja Governor on February 14th 1919.

311 Moslem residents of Zagali village said that their village was destroyed by the Armenian troops on January 28th. 15 Moslems were killed, the others are escaping to Azerbaijan.

37. Report №159 from the Shusha Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 31st 1919. January 13th 1919, 3 PM, Nuker, Malikbelu village resident Jalal Jamshud oglu was robbed by six

armed Armenians on his way from Shusha to the Hachdash area. The horse harnessed into his wagon was taken by Armenians to the Dashkend village.

38. Report #3 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 18th 1919.

On December 30th 1918, Armenians attacked the Bollarachur village for the purposes of destruction, but were repulsed by Moslems. One Moslem is killed, two are injured. 40 heads of cattle and 20 heads of small cattle are stolen.

39. Report №2 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 18th 1919.

Armenians from the neighboring village attacked Yemzalu village in the 3rd section. The village was fired but Armenians were repulsed.

40. Report №21 of the Jebrayil Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 8th 1919.

In the 1st section, Armenian residents of Edillu, Ahillu and Kelerakuch villages surrounded the Moslem part of the Dudukchi settlement, which was abandoned by terrified residents, misappropriated and destroyed all of the remaining properties and set everything to fire. Damages are reported to reach 355,665 roubles.

41. Report №41 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander of January 28th 1919.

Moslem villages Kiratag, Kovshut, Karabash, Bagarlu, Kigi, Dashbashi and others situated in the Kigi-Dorali ravine are surrounded by armed Armenian gangs, which are strengthened by one hundred soldiers from the Andranik troops. The troops have laid a siege on the villages. Armenians from Gerenzur village of the 2nd station open fire on Moslem travelers, laying an ambush on the big country road through Agarlu and Malhalaf ravines.

42. Report №229 of the Zangezur Uyezd commander to the Ganja Governor on February 4th 1919.

The police officer of the 4th section sent Guk-Kishlak village residents Abbas Javad oglu and Nabi Nadjafali oglu, and Kedaklu village resident Niyazali Shukur oglu, to the Armenian National Council of the Katar plants. Of these three, only Niyazali returned, beaten and injured, while the two others were arrested with their horses.

43. Report №138 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on January 28th 1919.

Armenian residents of Akarak and Karababa villages in the 3rd section, began an attack upon Hoshtab residents for the purposes of stealing cattle, but were repulsed on January 21st.

44. Report №94 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander on January 21st 1919.

The Karachiman village was destroyed by Armenian residents of Akarak, Sirkatak and Udjanis villages in the end of December 1918. Seven Moslems were killed as a result.

45. Report №301 of the Jevat Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on February 15th 1919.

Several armed young Armenians from the Jan-Yatag and Gul-Yatag villages attacked Moslem village of Kalaychilar for the purposes of stealing cattle on 30 January 1919. They fired the village, but were repulsed without any casualties.

46. Report №221 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on February 4th 1919.

In the 2nd section, Armenian residents of Geranzur village dispersed Karakurdali residents by gun fire. They cut down forests and do not allow residents to enter and exit the village. Besides, they regularly block the road to Malhala village along the Akora River.

47. Report #222 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on February 4th 1919. Armenian residents of Dolgi and Hazabut villages, started a skirmish with Moslems in the 2nd section. They burned 9 haystacks, which belonged to Moslems.

48. Report #231 of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on February 4th 1919. Armenians from unknown neighboring villages attacked Karayan village resident Eyvaz Heydar oglu at a pasture in the 4th section. He was killed and 16 heads of cattle and one donkey were stolen.

Besides, Armenians destroy those houses in Moslem villages which escaped destruction and were abandoned by their residents during Armenian attacks.

49. Minutes of evidence № (no number) of the Zangezur Uyezd Commander on February 11th 1919.

Dovorus village resident Amir Mukhtar oglu witnessed that he and Dortinli resident Aliyev Rustam oglu stayed as nukers at Armenians in Hotanam village, after their village was ravaged by Armenians. Gerus Armenians were recently offered to clear the village of Moslems, who must be either killed or taken to a Moslem district. His friend Aliyev was therefore killed, and he himself was spared and managed to escape.

50. Declaration №2945 of the Ganja Governor to the Interior Minister on March 3rd 1919.

As follows from messages of Mashadi Isa Kerbalay Musa oglu and Kazakh Uyezd Commander, Armenian forces are headquarters in Moslem settlements of the Besarkichar district on the eastern shore of the Gokcha lake and these military units deprive the population of bread, forage and cattle. The protesters are either killed or arrested.

51. Telegramme №352 of the Ganja Governor on March 11th 1919.

Representatives of villages Dashkanli, Shorridja, Nevksiti, Siri Yagub, Karakanli, Yelidja, Kayabashiri and Koshabulag of the Yeni Bayazet uyezd - Meshadi Kasum, Abasali Magerram Tagi oglu, declared that Armenian forces regularly ravage their villages, stealing grains, forage, cattle and weapons. Many of women and girls were abducted and their fate is remaining unknown.

52. Statement №2162 of residents of 26 villages of the Gokcha, Magala and Yeni Bayazet uyezds of the Erivan province of March 2nd of this year, presented by the Ganja Governor on March 6th 1919.

The squadron of captain Silikov, cornet Hachaturov and adjutant arrived in Moslem villages on February 28th 1919. They demanded each village to provide 750 poods of grains and 100 poods of hay. The residents requested to reduce the duty because those amounts were unavailable; then Silikov began to cat and swear and killed Zot village resident Medji Suleyman oglu. Other officers injured four more Moslems. The anxious people threw itself on the squadron and all four officers and fifteen soldiers were killed. This happened in Zod village.

On March 2nd Armenians attempted to seize villages Kosha-Bulag, Tashkend and Big Mazra, but were repulsed.

53. Report №1007 of the Ganja Uyezd Commander to the Ganja Governor on April 28th 1919.

15 armed Armenians from the Erkech village stole cattle, including six bulls, two cows and one horse, from the Todan village. This led to a skirmish. The next day, the victims came to Erkech

village, where Juma Ovanesyantz, Sasha Mamikonov, Sasha Hachaturyantz and Kosta Mikaelyantz, who participated in the stealing of cattle, made the victims pay 200 roubles and returned only four bulls and one cow. Head of the 4th department of the Interior Ministry's Chancellery - signed. Prosecutor - signed.

True: Prosecutor of the Interior Ministry's Chancellery - signed.