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To the RA SIS Chief
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Dear Mr. Shahinyan,

The preliminary investigation of the lodged criminal case over the revelation of the death circumstances of 10 victims on March 1, 2008 is still underway, but there are no revelations over the case.

The RA Special Investigative Service has repeatedly disseminated statements, whereby anticipating the public's support, it called on those, who could provide information regarding the occurred incidents, which could reveal the death circumstances of 10 victims, to turn to the RA Special Investigative Service (statement one, see ¹)

I, Artur Alberti Sakunts, being the Chairman of human rights organization, the primary issues of which are the protection of human rights from any encroachments, am determined in the revelation of the crimes committed on March 1, 2008, particularly, in the revelation death circumstances of 10 victims and subjecting the perpetrators to liability.

In order to support the investigation of the current case, I would like to propose recommendations, the implementation of which may entail the revelation of the committed crime.

Thus:

1. To summon for interrogation and interrogate RA former President Robert Kocharyan, former Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan, RA former Prosecutor General Aghvan Hovsepyan, former Police Chief Hayk Harutyunyan, former Minister of Defense Mikael Harutyunyan, and former deputies of the RA Minister of Defense Mikael Grigoryan and G. Melkonyan, former Chief of the General Headquarters of the RA Armed Forces Seyran Ohanyan, former and current Chief of the RA SIS Gorik Hakobyan Commander of the NKR Defense Army and his deputies for the clarification of the following questions.

- What were the contents of the orders and instructions given by Robert Kocharyan throughout February 24-March 10, 2008, to each one of the aforementioned persons, when, on what grounds and purposes were they given?
- What were the contents of the orders and instructions received by the other aforementioned officials from Robert Kocharyan throughout February 24-March 10, 2008, when, on what grounds and purposes were they received?

¹ <http://www.investigatory.am/am/News/item/105>

2. To summon for interrogation and interrogate the persons included in the report² over one of the preparatory episodes of the actions organized and realized by the authorities on March 1, 2008 published by the members of the March 1 fact-finding group S. Safaryan and A. Kocharyan on August 24, 2009 including Gagik Tsarukyan, Vachik Ghazaryan, Surik Khachatryan, Gagik Beglaryan, Levon Sargsyan, Hovik Abrahamyan, Samvel Aleksanyan, Arakel Movsisyan, and Mher Sedrakyan as well as Ruben Hayrapetyan, not included in the list, whose bodyguards and security personnel were provided with military uniforms, in order to reveal the following questions: from whom, when, for what purpose were the orders received and what were their contents.

3. To find out where the aforementioned officials, non-officials and their bodyguards were, on what purpose, and what actions they undertook throughout February 24-March 10, 2008 and especially on March 1 which security groups, which state structure intensified protection groups were given a order, and what orders and actions were given and for which cases they were given to be used.

Hence, based on the aforementioned I turn to you to conduct investigation over the above-mentioned issues and inform the applicant regarding the implemented actions.

With best regards,
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² http://www.1in.am/arm/armenia_politics_164633.html