

## REFERENCE

### ON UPDATED INFORMATION ON DEATH CASES IDENTIFIED IN RA ARMED FORCES AND NK DEFENSE ARMY IN 2016

According to the findings of HCA Vanadzor' study, there were **162** death cases in the RA Armed Forces and NK Defense Army in 2016. The Organization published this information on January 16, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

As mentioned before, according to the Organization's data, **77** of the death cases were caused by the hostilities of April 1-5, 2016 and below are the causes of the other **85** death cases: **34** cases were caused by ceasefire violation, **19** cases – by accidents (9 – by car accidents, 3 – by natural disasters /1 case - by avalanches and 2 cases – by floods/, 2 – by dugout collapse, 2 – by breach of vehicle driving and operation rules, 1 – by electric shock, 1 – by drowning and 1 – by mine explosion), **13** – by murder (5 – by breach of the rules for handling weapons, 3 - by breach of statutory relations, 3 - in circumstances still unclear, 2 cases were caused intentionally), **13** cases were caused by suicide or causing somebody to commit suicide, **4** - by violation of combat duty rules and **2** cases were caused by health problems.

Having some doubts that the provided information was incomplete, the Organization carried out some further studies into the death cases of 2016. The Organization learnt from other official sources about **death cases of 13 more servicemen** in 2016 not announced by either official sources, or in the mass media.

Below are the names of the servicemen on whom no information was provided in 2016:

1. Vitali Grigoryan /suicide/causing somebody to commit suicide/;
2. Eduard Babayan;
3. Boris Hayrapetyan / suicide/causing somebody to commit suicide/;
4. Vachik Movsesyan;
5. Hovhannes Jamalyan;
6. Aram Baghryan;
7. Vahe Mouzhikyan;
8. Armen Khalkhalyan;

<sup>1</sup> <http://hcav.am/publications/16-01-2016-06/>

9. Anastas Hambardzumyan<sup>2</sup>
10. Genady Allakhverdyan;
11. Samvel Sahakyan;
12. Aram Papyan /health problems/;
13. Hovhannes Hovsepyan /health problems/.

Furthermore, the causes of death are different; some of them mention diseases and some others suicides.

Apart from the above, there are some discrepancies in the surnames of the persons officially announced and those provided to the Organization. Particularly, the name of a person is mentioned as Temur Sloyan in the official information received by the Organization and on the Investigative Committee's official website<sup>3</sup> and as Temur Suloyan<sup>4</sup> in the official publication of the NK Defense Army; Vladimir Melkumyan's surname mentioned in the official information received by the Organization is mentioned as Vladimir Melkonyan<sup>5</sup> on the official website of the RA Defense Ministry; in the official information received by the Organization the name of a person is mentioned as Gagik Melkumyan while in the mass media and on Artsrun Hovhannisyan's Facebook page it is mentioned as Gagik Melkonyan<sup>6</sup>; in the official information received by the Organization the name of a person is mentioned as Rudik Movsisyan, whereas in the mass media publications it is mentioned as Rudik Movsesyan.<sup>7</sup>

In other words, it is possible that they are same persons.

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<sup>2</sup> On April 3, 2017 armpress.am website posted a publication mentioning that an event was held in Gegharkunik marz (region) to honor the heroes of the April war and the names of a number of perished servicemen were mentioned there. The name of Anastas Hambardzumyan was also in that list.<sup>2</sup> The publication by Armenpress is the only one on the death of this serviceman.

<sup>3</sup> <http://investigative.am/news/view/erku-zincarayoxi-mah.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://nkrmil.am/news/view/252>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.mil.am/hy/news/3957>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.yerkir.am/news/view/104528.html>

<sup>7</sup> <http://hayrenaser.org/?p=2291&lang=hy>