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The complaints and hotline alarms from civilian population received at the Office of the Human Rights Defender of Armenia, the 24/7 monitoring of the situation on the ground, as well as communication with relevant public authorities and interviews with targeted civilians have provided unrebuted information on the Azerbaijani armed attacks against Armenia's civilian communities and peaceful population. The fact of tense situation on the state border and nearby villages of Syunik province is also proved and supported by all media and official reports¹, including those of the Ministry of Defense².

The following up-to-date data shall be mentioned:

On October 30 and 31, the Human Rights Defender received hotline calls from civilian population, alarming that the Azerbaijani military conducted air attacks against civilian community and villages of Davit Bek and Agarak, respectively.

In Agarak village of Syunik province, the artillery attacks resulted in damages of civilian houses and infrastructure. Private vehicles and other property in the village had also been damaged. Two civilians got hurt without serious injuries. It was only luckily that no civilian was killed or injured during the shelling.

Contrary to Agarak, the situation has been tense in Davit Bek community, Syunik province.

As the head of Davit Bek community confirmed in his communication with the Human Rights Defender and his representatives, it had been ten days that the Azerbaijani army were shelling the peaceful community. The rocket attacks resulted in damages of 38 residential houses, 2 barns, 20 cattle, 5 vehicles. Gravestones in the village were also damaged.

The Office of Human Rights Defender is provided with photos that evidence the damages. The head of community also stated that no military unit or any military infrastructure is located in the village.

The Human Rights Defender has recorded that the artillery attacks were indiscriminate, with real danger for civilian population, their health and life, as well as their property. The attacks

¹ <https://armenianweekly.com/2020/11/02/armenian-village-of-davit-bek-attacked-artsakh-facing-environmental-catastrophe>, <https://www.1lurer.am/en/2020/11/01/The-enemy-shelled-the-village-of-Davit-Bek-in-Syunik-region/349808>, <https://freenews.am/post/4357ad5486e4dd18228e842f2617ee38>,

² <https://www.facebook.com/shushanstepanyan/posts/3381681281868008>

are mainly being conducted after midday. These were confirmed by the head of Davit Bek community and residents who were interviewed.

The attacks toward Davit Bek village became fatal on the evening of November 2, at 6:10 PM.

As citizens informed and as evident from conversation with the head of community, massive rocket strikes were launched towards the peaceful community, resulted in one civilian killed, and other two wounded (one of them – with serious injuries). As also reported, roughly forty Azerbaijani aerial strikes hit the village.³ The Human Rights Defender has obtained all necessary materials, including photos, that illustrate the Azerbaijani aggression towards the civilians in Armenia.

One of the injured civilian were immediately taken to the city hospital for medical treatment.

The next morning, on November 3, the Syunik regional office of the Human Rights Defender had been involved in the initiated investigation. Upon direct instructions from the Human Rights Defender, representatives of the regional office visited G.G., aged 40, who was treated in hospital. She testified that her family house was damaged because of the shillings that happened previously, they, therefore, had had to leave Davit Bek village. She had stayed at her sister's place in Kapan, main city of Syunik province, with her sister's family and 69-year-old father, H.G. On the very day of the fatal attack, G.G., her father and her 43-year-old brother-in-law, D.H., had been driving home in Davit Bek to take some necessary personal items to Kapan. It was around 6 PM when they heard voices of shelling from the Azerbaijani side. All of a sudden, when already in the car to drive back from the village, she noticed an artillery explosion. She jumped out from the car, so did her father. A moment later, she realized that she got hurt and was bleeding because of shrapnel wound. She also realized that her brother-in-law, who was the driver, had died in the car.

She underlined that all of them were dressed in civilian clothing.

The Human Rights Defender's regional representatives also interviewed the hospital personnel, who provided information on G.G.'s medical treatment. As recorded in the

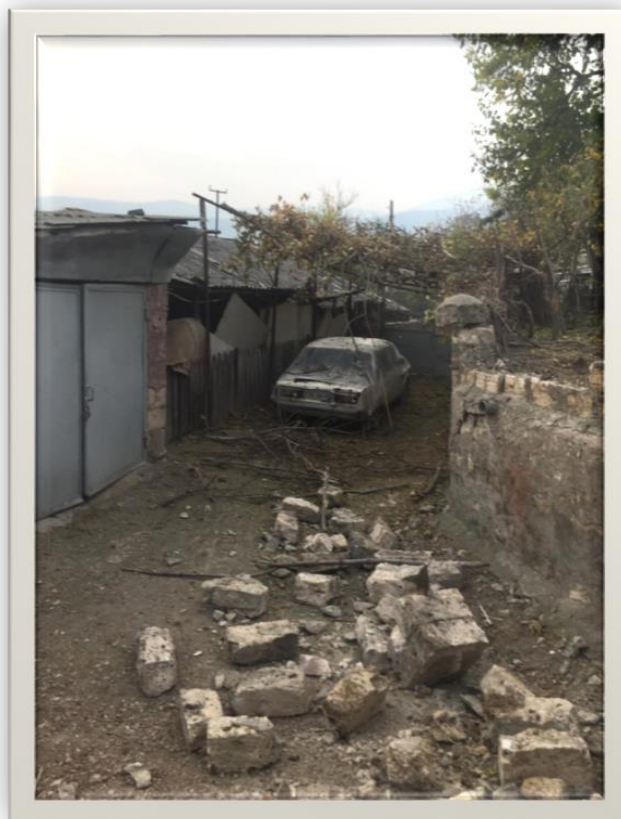
³ <https://www.civilnet.am/news/2020/11/02/Azerbaijani-Shelling-in-Armenia-s-Syunik-Province-Kills-One-Civilians-Injures-Two-Others/405727>

hospital, G.G. got a left-thigh shrapnel wound and, accordingly, has been receiving necessary medical assistance.

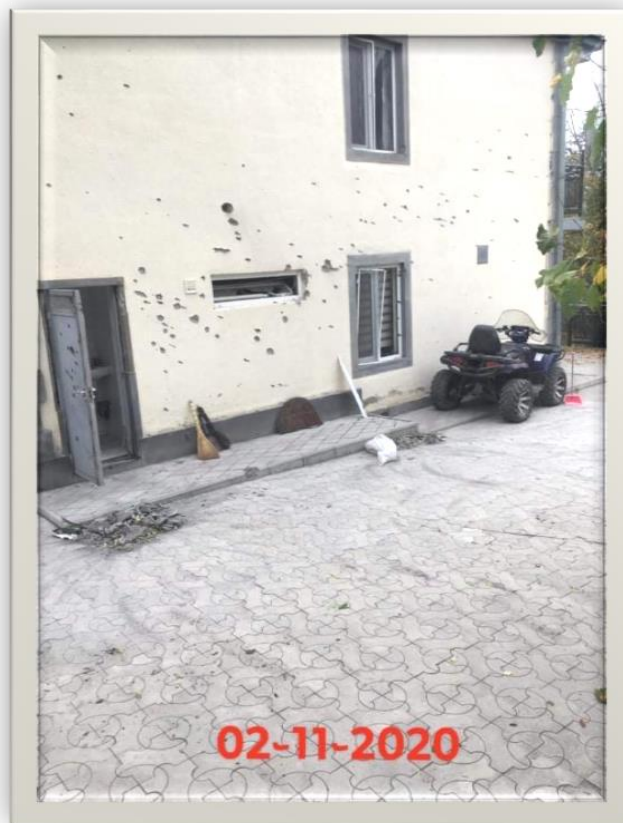
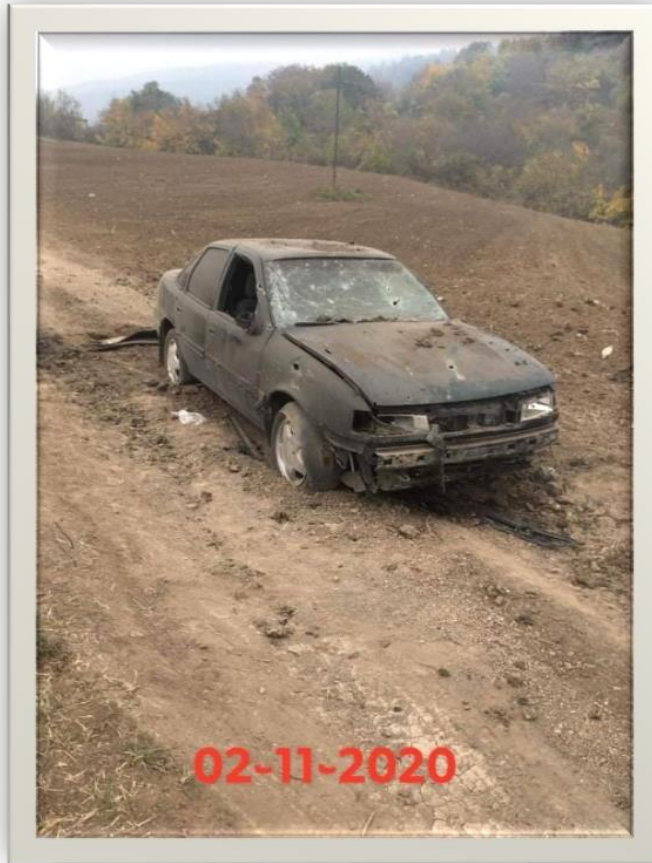
In addition, the Human Rights Defender has taken into account the official statement⁴ that a criminal case was already initiated in the General Prosecutor's Office with regard to the attack of November 2, 2020.

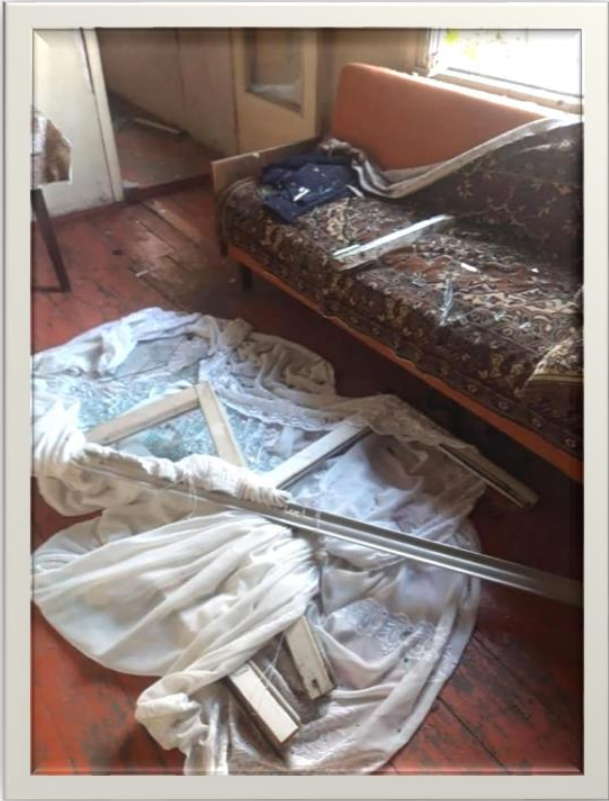
⁴ <http://www.prosecutor.am/am/mn/7992>

**CIVILIAN PROPERTY, INCLUDING VEHICLES AND HOUSES, DAMAGED IN RESULT OF
THE AZERBAIJANI ARTILLERY ATTACKS TOWARD PEACEFUL COMMUNITY**











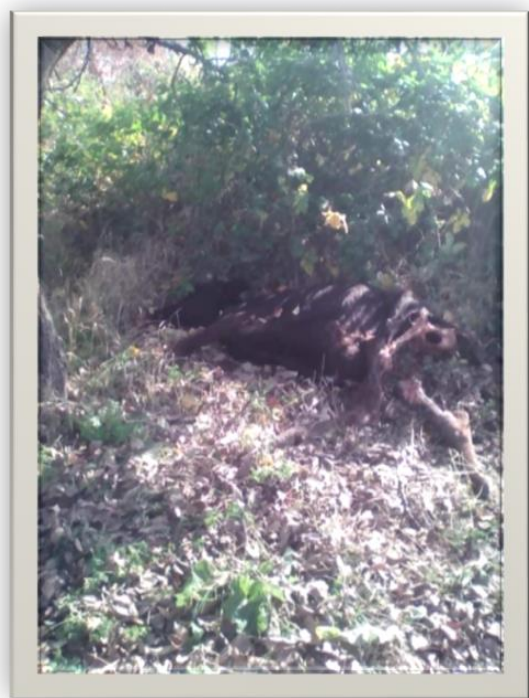




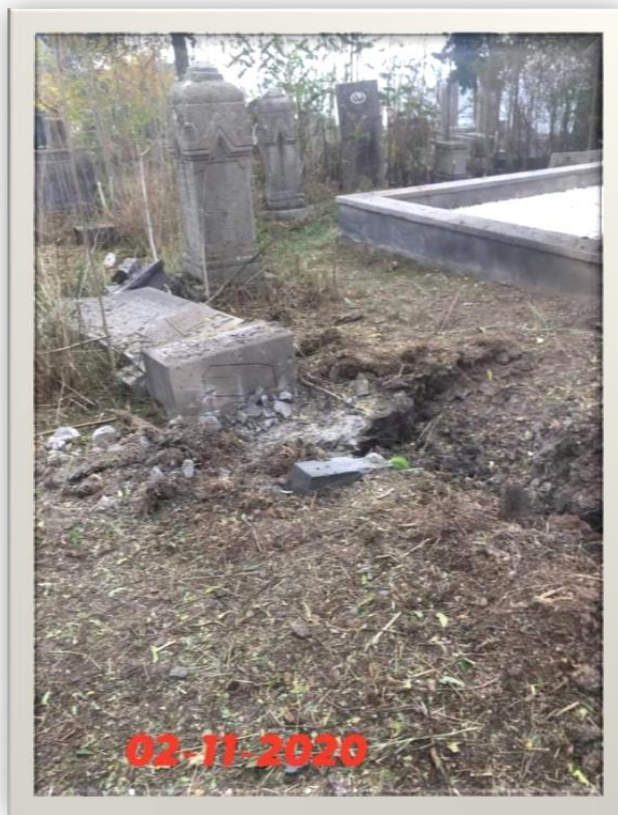




OTHER DAMAGE, RESULTED FROM THE AZERBAIJANI ARTILLERY ATTACKS



THE GRAVESTONES DAMAGED



INJURED CIVILIAN WOMAN, TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER THE FATAL ROCKET ATTACK



CIVILIAN MAN IN HIS CAR, KILLED IN RESULT OF THE ATTACK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020

