



Justice will be done

This issue of "Irs-Heritage" comes out on the eve of one of the most tragic dates in the history of the Azerbaijani people – the 21st anniversary of the massacre in Khojaly. Naturally, this topic has been repeatedly and extensively covered by our magazine. Alas, we have yet to inform the world community about this brutal massacre unleashed against civilians, against women and children. It was a savage and ugly act of abuse of fundamental norms of human morality.

When one recalls what happened that night, it makes blood run cold. Four days after the tragedy, as a parliamentary correspondent of a news agency, I accompanied 15 journalists from the world's leading broadcasters and print media to Agdam. On our way, they said they had been to many "hot spots" around the world and had got somewhat accustomed to seeing bad scenes. But at the sight of human remains delivered to Agdam even the most experienced journalists were appalled. Shocked and many in tears, they silently filmed the Apocalypse they were seeing. As for me, I will never forget the decapitated bodies, mutilated and desecrated corpses without ears and scalped skulls.

On the way back to Baku, my foreign colleagues only discussed whether it was possible for such brutality to be committed by people. But it was clear to all of us that the unimaginable atrocities in Khojaly were perpetrated by those who, like all of us, were born as people and regarded themselves as representatives of the "most ancient nation on earth" on the night of 25-26 February. I wouldn't dare to describe what they have done, fearing for the mental health of our readers. We are not publishing the most appalling photos taken in Khojaly so as not to make the readers feel ashamed of belonging to the human race.

Those who have perpetrated the carnage in Khojaly have forever disgraced their names. Among them are persons who have held or are still holding senior positions in Armenia and in the puppet regime established on occupied Azerbaijani territories – Serzh Sargsyan, Robert Kocharyan, Sergey Ohanyan, Arkadiy Gukasyan, Bako Saakyan, Oleg Yesayan... They may have escaped criminal liability, but they can hardly escape responsibility to God and to their own people.

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