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Protocol of a Victim Testimonial

Tbilisi

August 21, 2008

According to the articles 294-303, and 309 of Criminal Procedural Code of Georgia, I, *Senior Investigator of Investigation Department of Tbilisi Prosecutor's Office, **Giorgi Bakhtadze**, in the premises of Tbilisi Prosecutor's Office, and regarding the Case # 074088079, have examined as a victim"*

1. Name, father's name, surname	Zaira Khetagashvili (patronymic Iason)
2. Date of birth (y/m/d)	1937 / May / 01
3. Place of birth	Gori district, village Kekhvi
4. Nationality & citizenship	Georgian
5. Education / profession	Secondary
6. Civil status	Married
7. Place of residence	Gori district, village Kekhvi
8. Place of work & occupation	Pensioner
9. Previous trials	N/A
10. Any kind of immunity	N/A
11. State awards	N/A
12. Other notes	
13. What relationships with the accused	N/A

Before the examination, the victim **Ms. Zaira Khetagashvili** was introduced to her rights, as well as his responsibilities over his duties according to the articles 294-303, and 309 of Criminal Procedural Code of Georgia, and was given a written list of her responsibilities and duties.

Signature of the victim - signed

Examination started at 15:50 and ended at 16:35.

On the offer to tell everything she knows about the case – **Zaira Khetagashvili** - testified the following:

- **I do not need defender's service.**

I live in the village Kekhvi together with my son Ramaz Khetagashvili. When the military action started we did not leave our houses; however, on August 13 the Ossetian separatists entered the village, forced the population out of our houses and shouted to leave this place. They immediately started searching and robbing our houses and then burnt them. Because of very strained situation, my son had left the village and gone to Tbilisi already. As for me, I joined my neighbors on August 13 and went towards Tbilisi. When we approached Tskhinvali the Ossetians stopped us and then took us to the Police office.

There were no Georgian troops in our village, only civilians were there; why they bombed us, I cannot understand. We stayed at Tskhinvali until today, August 21. Today they let us go and took us to Gori on their buses. In the police nobody beat me; however, women and men were locked together in the cells. They gave us buckwheat porridge and tea twice a day. A toilet for common use was installed inside the cell, so it had a terrible smell.

As I already said I left my village on August 13 and was captured on the same day. I cannot remember the exact date, presumably it happened on August 8, when Russian planes bombed our village, a bomb fell down on my neighbors' house and killed Grisha and Kato Kakhniashvili.

On August, 10, Ossetians were burning houses in our village when a 90 -year-old man, Vaso Kakhniashvili, could not escape from the fired house and was burned up inside it.

Marika and Tina Kakhniashvili were leaving a village on a car when a bomb fell upon their vehicle and killed them.

Russian military forces and Ossetians bombed our village. The Ossetians entered it and began robbing and burning houses. On August 12, three Ossetians entered my house. I was alone there; they told me to leave immediately or else they would kill me. They took a TV-set and other household goods, demanded money and gold, but I did not have anything to give. These Ossetians did not wear any uniform; they were dressed ordinarily but were armed. They said they would "exterminate the whole Georgian ethnicity and kill everybody." They spoke fluent Georgian and said Georgians should leave the area because it is Ossetian territory.

There were two Ossetian families living in our village. Specifically, they were mixed families, where Ossetian wives were married to Georgian men. One, Zabilon Bliadze's wife – Dariko Kozaeva, and another Suliko Kakhniashvili's wife – Zamina Tskhovrebova (I am not sure about her surname). The mentioned families left the village together with us, because the Ossetians were aggressive toward them too since they were married to Georgian men. Ossetians even burned Dariko's house.

I was not beaten during captivity; however, I was captured for my Georgian origin.

On August 21, 2008 they took us on buses to Gori and Georgian buses took us from Gori to Tbilisi.

The testimonial is written under my dictation. I have read it and found it correct, and I certify it with my signature.

Victim – signed

Prosecutor – signed.

I was not beat during the captivity, so I do not need a medical expertise.

Victim – signed.