

**International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet  
Occupation Regimes in Lithuania**

**PERSECUTION OF NON-JEWISH CITIZENS OF LITHUANIA. MURDER OF  
CIVILIAN POPULATIONS (1941-1944)**

**CONCLUSIONS**

*(Approved by the Commission on December 17, 2003)*

The Commission discussed the report submitted by Dr. Rimantas Zizas as well as the reviews of his report by Prof. Egidijus Aleksandravičius (Kaunas Vytautas Magnus University), Prof. Liudas Truska (Vilnius Pedagogical University, Lithuania) and Dr. Joachim Tauber (Lünenburg, Institute of Culture, Germany). The Commission approved the following conclusions.

1. The repressions of the occupation authorities against the non-Jewish and non-Roma local population (in particular ethnic Lithuanians) were relatively limited in nature.
2. The number of non-Jewish people who perished during the Nazi occupation (1941-1944), which had been until now been indicated in the historiography (10,000-20,000 up to 45,000) is exaggerated.
3. The resistance of the Red Army and alleged attacks by the local people against the German army in June 1941 caused, or were a pretext for, the murder of up to 500 civilians, perpetrated by the German soldiers in Ablinga, Alytus and other locations.
4. The largest category of non-Jewish victims of the Nazi occupation consisted of 2,000-3,000 Soviet Party activists (Communists, members of the Komsomol, Soviet officials and peasants who were given land by the Soviet authorities).
5. In response to subversion and sabotage by the Soviet partisans, the occupiers, applying the principle of “collective responsibility”, burnt about 15 villages in Lithuania and slaughtered several hundred civilians, including the residents of Pirčiupiai village, who were burnt alive.
6. As punishment for resistance and support to the Polish underground (Armja Krajowa), the Nazis and their local collaborators killed about 1,000 Polish civilians.
7. In Lithuania the occupation authorities killed mentally disabled people and people with incurable diseases.
8. The occupiers and their local collaborators murdered a total about 5,000 non-Jewish and non-Roma civilians of Lithuania.

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