



COUNTRY

- **Ukraine**
- **Chechen Republic, Russia**

ISSUE

Indiscriminate or deliberate attacks on civilian objects

CRIMES

- **War crimes**

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Russian officer Makarevich: attacking civilians in Chechnya, then Ukraine

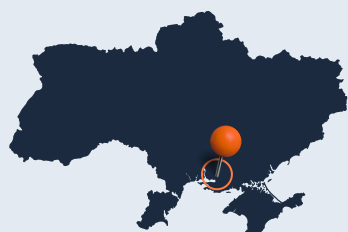
Oleg Leontyevich Makarevich is a colonel general of the Russian Army. In 2002, during the second Chechen war, he commanded deliberate attacks on civilians in Grozny. In 2023, he was one of those who orchestrated the invasion of the Kherson region in Ukraine and caused many civilian deaths. He has never been punished for his crimes, but they are documented in our databases.

YEAR

2002-2023

200+

VICTIMS



**Kherson,
Ukraine**

UKR3-2025

17 Feb 2023
Makarevich
promoted to
colonel general

3-4 Nov 2002
Attacks on
civilians in
Grozny, Chechnya

On 3-4 November 2002, Colonel Makarevich ordered the Russian forces to shell and bomb residential buildings in Grozny (Chechnya). A pregnant woman was killed, and about 90 families were displaced. Makarevich was never prosecuted for his crimes; he was promoted to colonel general and got awards. But his crimes are documented.

3 May 2023
Destruction of
Kherson city in
Ukraine

In 2023, Makarevich directed aggressive operations by the Russian army in Ukraine, destroying Kherson and its surrounding areas. On 3 May, following his orders, the city was bombed indiscriminately, destroying both civilian and military objects: A shopping centre, a railway station, a gas station, and residential buildings. Makarevich is responsible for at least 24 deaths and at least 51 wounded.

6 June 2023
Blowing up of
the Kakhovka
dam in
Ukraine

On 6 June, Makarevich ordered Russian troops to destroy the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant in Kherson region. The subsequent flooding led to a large-scale humanitarian and environmental catastrophe across southern Ukraine. At least 30 people died in Ukrainian-controlled areas and dozens more in Russian-occupied regions.

Call to action:



Democratic states, the EU, and the UN should sanction Makarevich. Prosecutor General of Ukraine should file a lawsuit against Makarevich. Democratic states should prosecute Makarevich under universal jurisdiction



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