

## Genocides, Politicides, and Other Mass Murder Since 1945, With Stages in 2008

Those countries at Stage 7 are currently at the mass killing stage. They are highlighted in **bold** type. They have active genocides, recurring genocidal massacres, or ongoing politicides. They are erupting. The others are at various stages of dormancy (4 through 6,) but could erupt again. Note that lower stages continue during higher stages – the stages are not linear, but are simultaneous operations, in which “lower” stages are logically necessary for “higher” stages, but continue during the “higher” stages. The table is organized by region. Within a region, countries are listed in order of their potential for mass killing, by stages. Not all politicides since 1945 appear on this chart because some countries where politicide has occurred have become democracies (e.g. East Germany, Poland, Romania, Mongolia) and are not now at stage 4 or above.

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<b>AFRICA</b>					
<b>NATION</b>	<b>YEARS OF EPISODES SINCE 1945</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE CIVILIAN DEATH TOLL</b>	<b>MAJOR KILLERS</b>	<b>MAIN DIVISIONS</b>	<b>HIGHEST STAGE in 2008</b>
<b>Sudan – south, Nuba region</b>	1956 – 1972, 1983 – 2005	2 million Nuer, Dinka, Christians, Nuba, southerners	Khartoum gov’t NIF gov’t, militias, rebels	Political, religious, racial, ethnic	
<b>Sudan – Darfur</b>	2003 - <b>present</b>	250,000+ Zaghawa, Fur, Massaleit, & black Africans	Janjaweed Arab militias, Sudan government	Racial, ethnic, political	7 – Politicide, Genocide
<b>Sudan - south</b>	present	Nuer, Dinka, Shilluk, other African groups	Sudan government	Political, racial, ethnic, religious	6-Preparation
<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	1945 -- 1960	1,000’s Africans	Colonial forces	Racial, colonial, economic	7 – Politicide, Genocidal massacres
	1960 – 1965	1,000’s civil war	Rebels, army	Political, ethnic	
	1977 – 1979, 1984	1,000’s civil war	Rebels, army		
	1994 – 1997	80,000 Hutus, Banyamulenge,  1 million (civil war)	Kabila/ Rwandan army, Ugandan, Rwandan armies, rebels, DR Congo, allied armies	Political, ethnic	
	1994 – <b>present</b>	40,000 Hema, Lendu	Ethnic militias	Ethnic	
	1997 – <b>present</b>	2.5 million (civil war)	War-lord led militias, DR Congo army	Political, economic, ethnic, national	
<b>Somalia</b>	1988 – <b>present</b>	100,000 Somalis, Isaaq clan	Warlord/clan militias	Political, clan	7 – Massacres
	2006 - <b>present</b>	Islamists,	Ethiopian army; Islamists		

<b>Kenya</b>	1952 – 1960	1,500 Kikuyu, 100's colonials	Colonial forces, MauMau Kikuyu	Ethnic, political	7 – Genocidal Massacres
	1991 – 1993	1,000's Nilotics	Ethnic militias		
	2007- <b>present</b>	1500+ Kikuyu, Luo, Luhya, Masai, other ethnic groups	Ethnic youth gangs		
<b>Ethiopia</b>	1945 – 1974	150,000 Oromo, Eritreans, Somali	Selassie monarchy	National, religious, ethnic	7 – Genocidal massacres
	1974 – 1985	750,000 Class enemies, Oromo	Derg communists		
	1994 – 2000	100,000 Eritrea war  Ethnic minorities	Army (Ethiopian Defence Forces)	National, ethnic, religious	
	2001 - <b>present</b>	Oromo  Anuak in Gambella	Army (EDF)  Army (EDF)		
<b>Chad</b>	1965 – 1996	10,000's southern Saras, civil war	Gov't army, Libyan army, rebels	Ethnic, racial, religious, political	7 – Genocidal massacres
	2005 -- <b>present</b>	1000's Zaghawas, Fur	Sudan-backed militias		
<b>Uganda</b>	1972 – 1979	300,000 Acholi, Lango, Karamoja	Amin gov't army, police	Political, ethnic, religious	7 – Massacres
	1980 – 1986	250,000 Baganda,, Banyarwanda	Obote gov't army, police		
	1994 – <b>present</b>	10,000's LRA foes	Lord's Resistance Army		
Zimbabwe	1982 – 84	20,000 Matabele	Gov't army 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, militias	Ethnic, political	6 – Preparation
	1998 – <b>present</b>	MDC supporters, Matabele, urban poor, white farmers	Army, police, ZANU-PF militias		
Côte d'Ivoire	2000 - 2007	10,000's Dioulas, Immigrants from Burkina Faso, Mali; 1,000's southerners	Gov't, Beté & other militias, death squads; northern rebels	National, ethnic, religious	6 – Preparation

Eritrea	1960's – 2000;  1996- <b>present</b>	10,000's Eritreans (independence war)  Border war with Ethiopia	Ethiopian armies, police	National, religious, ethnic	6– Preparation
Burundi	1959 – 1962  1972  1988  1993 – 1995  1996 –2006	50,000 Hutus  150,000 Hutus  25,000 Hutus  50,000 Tutsis, 100,000 Hutus  100,000 Tutsi, Hutu	Tutsi government  Tutsi army  Tutsi army  Hutu rebels, Tutsi army Rebels, Army	Ethnic, political	6 – Preparation  5 – Polarization
Equatorial Guinea	1975 – 1979  2001 - <b>present</b>	50,000 Bubi, Nguema foes	Macias Nguema regime, successor	Political, ethnic	6 – Preparation
Togo	2004 – <b>present</b>	Eyadema opponents	Government police, army	Political, ethnic	6 – Preparation
Nigeria	1966 – 1970  1972 – 2000 (sporadic)  2001 -- <b>present</b>	1 million Ibos  Tiv, Hausa, Yoruba Ogoni, others  Niger delta groups	Nigerian army  Ethnic mobs  Nigerian army, police	Political, ethnic, religious	6 – Preparation
Algeria	1954 – 1963  1991 -- 2005	160,000 OAS, Harkis, settlers  50,000 Berbers	French legions, OAS, rebels  Islamic Armed Group (GIA)	Colonial  Religious, political	5 - Polarization
Sierra Leone	1991 – 2003	100,000 (civil war)	Revolutionary United Front, other militias	Political, ethnic	5 –Polarization
Rwanda	1959 – 1963, 1993  1994  1995 – present	10,000's Tutsi  800,000 Tutsi, 10,000 Hutu  1,000's Hutus	Hutu gov't  Hutu Power gov't, <b>Interahamwe</b>  Rwandan gov't	Ethnic, political	5 –Polarization
Congo-Brazzaville	1959 –1968  1997 – 2000	5,000 Gov't foes  1,000's (civil war)	Gov't army, police, rebels	Colonial  Political, ethnic	5 –Polarization

Angola	1961 -- 1962 1975 – 2003	40,000 Kongo, 500,000 Umbundu, Ovimbundu	Colonial army Gov't, UNITA armies, allies	Colonial Political, ethnic	5 –Polarization
Central African Republic	1966 – 1979 2001	2,000 Bokassa foes	Gov't army, police	Political, ethnic	5 --Polarization
Liberia	1990 – 2003	100,000 Krahn, Gio, Mano, etc.	Doe gov't army, Taylor rebels Gov't, rebels	Political, ethnic	5 - Polarization
Botswana	1990 – <b>present</b>	100's Kūng Bushmen, Caprivi Namibians	Gov't police	Economic, political, ethnic	4 Organization
Senegal – Casamance	1990 – 2001	1,000 Diola (civil war)	Senegalese army, rebels	Political, ethnic	4 Organization
Guinea Bissau	1960's – <b>present</b>	1,000's	Army	Political	4 Organization
Morocco- Western Sahara	1976 – <b>present</b>	1,000's: Sahrawis	Moroccan army, Polisario rebels	Political, ethnic	4 Organization
Mali	1990 – 1993	1,000 Touaregs	Malian army, Touareg rebels	Ethnic, political	4 Organization
Mozambique	1975 – 1994	1 million by MPLA, Renamo	Renamo, MPLA	Political, ethnic	4 Organization
Madagascar	1947 – 1948	50,000 Malagasy nationalists	French colonial forces	National, racial, political, ethnic	4 Organization
South Africa	1987 – 1996  1996 – <b>present</b>	1,000's Zulus, Xhosa, ANC,  Boer farmers	Gov't police, ethnic militias;  Hate crimes	Racial, political, ethnic	4 Organization
Egypt	sporadic	100's: Copts	Muslim fundamentalists	Religious, political	4 Organization

		<b>AMERICAS</b>			
<b>NATION</b>	<b>EPISODES</b>	<b>DEATH TOLL</b>	<b>KILLERS</b>	<b>DIVISIONS</b>	<b>STAGE in 2008</b>
<b>Colombia</b>	1948 -- 1958	150,000	Political parties	Political	7 – Politicide
	1975 – <b>present</b>	10,000's	Marxists, rightist death squads, drug cartels	Political, narcotics cartels	
Venezuela	1945 – 1970's	1,000's Yanomami	Settlers, miners	Racial, ethnic;	5 – Polarization
	2004 -- <b>present</b>	Isolated Chavez opponents	Chavez neo- Marxists	Political, class	
Brazil	1945 -- 1964	300,000 Vargas foes, Indians	Gov't police, settler militias	Political, economic, racial, ethnic	4 – Organization
	1964 – <b>present</b> sporadic massacres	1,000's: Kayapo, Yanomami, etc.	Settlers, miners		
Guatemala	1950's – 1980's	200,000 Mayans	Gov't army, death squads	Racial, ethnic, political	4 – Organization
Cuba	1945 – 1959	100's rebels	Rightist gov'ts	Political	4 – Organization
	1959 – <b>present</b>	1000's "counter – revolutionaries"	Castro gov't		
Argentina	1976 – 1980	20,000 leftists	Army, police	Racial, ethnic	4 – Organization
				Political	
Chilé	1973 – 1976	10,000's leftists	Army, police	Political	4 – Organization
Nicaragua	1970 – 1979	1,000's Sandinistas	Gov't army	Political	4 – Organization
	1980 – 1989	10,000's Contras	Sandinista army		
El Salvador	1980 – 1992	10,000's leftists	Army, militias	Political	4 – Organization
Paraguay	1945 – 1962	1000's Indians 1000 Aché Indians	Army, settlers	Racial, ethnic	4 – Organization
	1962 – 1974		Settlers		
Mexico  Chiapas	1945 – 2001	10,000's Indians, gov't foes 10,000's Mayans	Army, police	Ethnic, political	4 – Organization

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<b>North Korea</b>	1949 – present	2 million +	Government	Political, class, regional	7 – Politicide
<b>Afghanistan</b>	1978 – 1993	700,000 (civil war)	Soviets	Political, national, religious, ethnic	7 – Political terrorism, war
		50,000+	Mujahadin		
	1993 – 1996	30,000 (civil war)	Warlords		
	1996 – 2001	50,000+ Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazara,	Taliban, Al Qaeda,		
	1996 – 2001	10,000+	Northern Alliance		
	2001 – present	1,000's gov't supporters,	Taliban, Al Qaeda,		
		1,000's Taliban	NATO, gov't		
<b>Pakistan</b>  <u>East Pakistan:</u> ( Bengal)  <u>West Pakistan</u>  <b>Baluchistan, Sind</b>  <b>Frontier provinces</b>	1947 (partition)	61,000 Hindus	Muslim mobs	Political, national, ethnic, religious	7 – Massacres (by Al Qaeda & other terrorists)
	1971	1,500,000 Bengalis & Hindus	West Pakistani army		
		Sindhis	Army		
	1973 – 1977	Shiites, Christians	Sunnis		
	1978 -- present	Baluchis, Sindis	Army		
	2003 – present	Government supporters, non-Pashtuns	Islamists, Al-Qaeda		6 – Preparation (by Baluchi & Sind separatists, Army)
<b>Burma (Myanmar)</b>	1945 – 1948	1,000's rebels	Burma Ind Move	Ethnic, political, religious	7 – Politicide, genocidal massacres
	1948 – 1962	15,000 rebels, govt	U Nu govt, rebels		
	1962 -- 2007	100,000 Shan, Karen, NDU	SLORC, SPDC (Burmese gov't)		
	2007 – present	1000's monks, democracy parties	SPDC (Burmese gov't)		
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	1983 – present	10000's: Tamil and Sinhalese civilians	Anti-Tamil mobs  Tamil Tiger rebels	Ethnic, national, political, religious	7 – Politicide genocidal massacres

<b>Peoples Republic of China</b>	1949 – 1977  1977 -- <b>present</b>	35 million+ “class enemies”, religious minorities, Uighurs Muslims, Christians  Falun Gong	Maoist communist gov’t, PRC army, Red Guards, police	Political,national, class,economic, ethnic, religious	7 – Politicide
Nepal	1996 – <b>present</b>	20,000 anti-Maoists, 10,000’s rebels	Maoist rebels  Nepal army	Political	6 – Preparation
Uzbekistan Fergana Valley	1991 – <b>present</b>  2005 – <b>present</b>	1,000’s  100’s opposition	Muslim fundamentalists  Gov’t police	Political, religious	6 – Preparation
Indonesia	1965  1966 – 2005	500,000 communists  10,000’s: Acehnese  1,000’s: Irian Jaya  1,000’s: Moluccas  1,000’s: Sulewesi	Suharto gov’t & successors  Indonesian army  Indonesian army  Laskar Jihad  Laskar Jihad	Political, ethnic  Religious, political, ethnic, national	6 – Preparation
India	1947 (partition)  1949 – 2003	100,000’s Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs  1,000’s Muslims, 100’s Sikh’s, Hindus	Hindu, Muslim, Sikh mobs  Hindu mobs, Muslim mobs	National, religious, ethnic, political	6 – Preparation  occasional genocidal massacres
Bihar	1975-present	Gov’t supporters	Naxalites	Political	terrorism
Gujarat	2003	1,000’s Muslims	Hindu mobs	Religious	genocidal massacres
Kashmir	1947 -- present	1000’s Muslims, Hindus	Rebels, police	National, religious	Nationalist war
Philippines	1972 – present	1,000’s pro-gov’t officials, separatists, communists	Marxists, gov’t  Army, Moros,  Abu Sayyef	Political, religious	6 – Preparation; occasional massacres (by terrorists)
Tibet	1959 – 1990’s	1,600,000 Tibetan Buddhists	PRC communist Chinese gov’t	National, ethnic, political religious	5 – Polarization
Azerbaijan	1988 – 1994	10,000’s Armenians  1,000’s Azeris	Azeri & Armenian armies	Ethnic, political, religious national	5 – Polarization

Cambodia	1945 – 1966	5,000 king's foes	Royal gov't	Political, class, ethnic, religious, national	5 – Polarization
	1966 – 1975	15,000 Vietnamese	Lon Nol gov't		
	1968 – 1975	360,000 pro-gov't	Khmer Rouge		
	1975 – 1979	1.7 – 2.2 million class enemies, Cham Muslims, city people, Vietnamese, Eastern Zone	Khmer Rouge		
	1979 – 1993	230,000 (civil war)	Samrin gov't, KR		
	1993 – 1999	1,000's gov't foes	Hun Sen gov't		
French Vietnam	1945 – 1953	10,000's leftists	French colonials	Political, class, ethnic, national	4 – Organization
South Vietnam	1954 – 1975	90,000 leftists	South Viet gov't		
North Vietnam	1954 – 1975	1 million class enemies, minorities	North Viet gov't		
Peoples Democratic Republic Vietnam	1975 – present	10,000's boat people, reeducated	Vietnamese gov't		
Laos	1945 – 1960	10,000's leftists	Royalists, French	Political, ethnic	4 - Organization
	1960 – 1975	100,000 anti-communists,	Pathet Lao		
	1975 -- present	Hmong	Peoples Democratic Republic		
East Timor	1965 – 2000	200,000 Timorese	Indonesian army, militias	Political, national, ethnic, religious	(Refugees still at risk in Indonesia) Coup attempt
	2007- 2008	Political leaders	Military rebels	Political	



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Russia – Chechnya	1943 – 1957, 1994 – <b>present</b>	50,000 Chechens, 1,000’s Russians	USSR army, Russian Army, Chechen rebels	Ethnic, national, religious, political	6 – Preparation
Russia	1990’s - present	Isolated deaths	Neo-fascists	Hate crimes	
Yugoslavia: Kosovo	1998 – 2001	10,000 Albanian Kosovars,  100’s Serbs	Yugoslav Army  KosovoLibArmy	Ethnic, religious, national, political	6 – Preparation
Yugoslavia	1941 – 1945	650,000 Serbs	Croatian Fascists (Ustashi)	Political, ethnic, national, religious	8 – Denial
Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia (including 1941- 1945 relevant to later conflicts)	1941 – 1945  1945 – 1987	100,000 Croats, Muslims 1 million Tito foes	Serb Partisans (Chetniks) Tito gov’t		5 – Polarization
	1993 – 2001	1,000’s dissidents	Milosevic gov’t		
Macedonia	1999 - 2001	100’s Albanians, Macedonians	Albanian rebels, Macedonia govt	Political, ethnic	5 – Polarization
Bosnia	1992 – 1998	200,000 Muslims, Croats, Serbs	Bosnian Serbs, Croats, Muslims	Ethnic, religious, national, political	5 – Polarization (partition)
Georgia: Abkhasia	1993 – present	100’s Abkhasians	Georgian army, separatist rebels	National, ethnic, political	5 – Polarization
Northern Ireland	1964 – 2001	3000 Catholics, Protestants	Irish Republic Army, Protestant extremists	Religious, class, political, national	5 – Polarization
Croatia	1991 – 1995	50,000 Serbs, Croats, Bosnian Muslims	Croat army, militias, Serbs, Bosnian Muslims	Ethnic, national, religious, political	4 - Organization
USSR (State no longer exists.)	1945 – 1953	15 million+ “class enemies”	Soviet police, army, NKVD	Political, national, ethnic, religious	Not applicable (State no longer exists.)
	1945 – 1947	1 million repatriated Soviet nationals, 6 million+ dissidents	NKVD, KGB secret police		
USSR national minorities, esp. in Crimea, Dagestan Ingushetia	1945 – 1991	400,000 Karachai, Meshketians, Balkars,	Red Army,		
	1945 – 1991	Crimean Tatars, Ingushi	Secret police		

<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>					
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<b>Iraq</b>	1961 – 2003  2003 – <b>present</b>	190,000 Kurds, Shiites, Kuwaitis  Shiites, Sunni “collaborators”, Kurds  Insurgents	Iraqi army, presidential guard, Baathists,  Fedayeen, Al Qaeda, insurgent terrorists  U.S., British, Iraqi armies	Political, ethnic, national, religious  Religious, political, ethnic, national	8 – Denial  7 – Genocidal massacres  Politicide
<b>Israel – Palestine</b>	1948 – 1955, 1956, 1967, 1973,  1987 -- 1993  2000 -- <b>present</b>	1,000’s Israelis, 1,000’s Palestinians  160 Israelis  1,162 Palestinians  100’s Israelis  1000’s Palestinians  100’s Israelis	Irgun, Arab terrorists, Israeli army, police, Fatah,  Israeli army  Hamas, Islamic Jihad, other terrorist groups;  Israeli army, police Hamas, Hezbollah	National, religious, ethnic, political	7 – Genocidal massacres  6 – Preparation
<b>Lebanon</b>	1974 – 1991  1991 – present  2006	55,000 Christians, Muslims, Druze  Lebanese nationalists  Hezbollah, civilians	Religious militias, Hezbollah, Phalangists  Syrian secret police  Israeli army	Religious, political  Political  Political, religious	7 – war, massacres;  6 – Preparation
<b>Iran</b>	1953 – 1978  1978 – 1992  1993 – <b>present</b>  2005 -- <b>present</b>	26,000 Shah foes  60,000 Kurds, monarchists, Bahai  100’s gov’t opponents  (potentially:Israeli nation)	Secret police,  Iranian army, revolution guards  Secret police  President, nuclear program	Religious, ethnic, political, national  Political, religious  Political, religious	5 – Polarization       6 – Incitements to commit genocide

<b>Turkey</b>	1984 – 2000	10,000's Kurds	Turkish army	Ethnic, religious, national, political	8 – Denial
	2001- <b>present</b>	1000's Kurds; 100's Turks	Turkish army PKK		7 – war , massacres
Syria	1981 – 1982	21,000 Kurds, Sunni Muslims	Syrian army, police	Political, religious,national	5 – Polarization
Cyprus	1963 – 1967	2,000 Turks, Greek Cypriots	Greek Cypriots  Turks	Political, religious, ethnic, national	5 – Polarization (partition)