

Genocides, Politicides, and Other Mass Murder Since 1945, With Stages in 2006

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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NATION	YEARS OF EPISODES SINCE 1945	AFRICA CUMULATIVE CIVILIAN DEATH TOLL	MAJOR KILLERS	MAIN DIVISIONS	HIGHEST STAGE in 2006
Sudan – south, Nuba region	1956 – 1972, 1983 – 2005	2 million Nuer, Dinka, Christians, Nuba, southerners	Khartoum gov’t NIF government, militias, rebels	Political, religious, racial, ethnic	7 – Politicide, Genocide
Sudan - Darfur	2001 - present	250,000+ Zaghawa, Fur, Massaleit, & black Africans	Janjaweed Arab militias, Sudan government	Racial, ethnic, political	
Uganda	1972 – 1979, 1980 – 1986 1994 – present	300,000 Acholi, Lango, Karamoja 250,000 Baganda, Banyarwanda 10,000’s LRA foes	Amin gov’t army, police Obote gov’t army, police Lord’s Resistance Army	Political, ethnic, religious	7 – Massacres
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1945 -- 1960 1960 – 1965 1977 – 1979, 1984 1994 – 1997 1994 – present 1997 – present	1,000’s Africans 1,000’s civil war 1,000’s civil war 80,000 Hutus, Banyamulenge, 2 million (civil war) 40,000Hema,Lendu 1 million (civil war)	Colonial forces Rebels, army Rebels, army Kabila/ Rwandan army, Ugandan, Rwandan armies, rebels, DR Congo & allied armies Ethnic militias War-lord led militias, DRC army	Racial, colonial, economic Political, ethnic Ethnic Political, economic, ethnic, national	7 – Politicide, Genocidal massacres
Ethiopia	1945 – 1974 1974 – 1985 1994 – 2000 2001 - present	150,000 Oromo, Eritreans, Somali 750,000 Class enemies, Oromo 100,000 Eritrea war Ethnic minorities Oromo Anuak in Gambella	Selassie monarchy Derg communists Army (Ethiopian Defence Forces) Army (EDF) Army (EDF)	National, religious, ethnic National, ethnic, religious Ethnic, racial, economic, political	7 – Genocidal massacres
Chad	1965 – 1996 2005 -- present	10,000’s southern Saras, civil war 1000’s Zaghawas, Fur	Gov’t army, Libyan army, rebels Sudan-backed militias	Ethnic, racial, religious, political Political, ethnic	6 – Preparation
Côte d’Ivoire	2000 - present	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
Somalia	1988 – present	100,000 Somalis, Isaaq clan	Warlord/clan militias	Political, clan	6 – Preparation
Burundi	1959 – 1962 1972 1988 1993 – 1995 1996 – present	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

Nigeria	1966 – 1970, 1972 – 2000 (sporadic) 2001 -- present	1 million Ibos Tiv, Hausa, Yoruba Ogoni, others Niger delta groups	Nigerian army Ethnic mobs Nigerian army, police	Political, ethnic, religious	6 – Preparation
Zimbabwe	1982 – 84 1998 – present	20,000 Matabele MDC supporters, Matabele, urban poor, white farmers	Gov't army 5 th Brigade, militias Gov't police, army, ZANU-PF militias	Ethnic, political Political, ethnic, economic	6 – Preparation
Equatorial Guinea	1975 – 1979 2001 - present	50,000 Bubi, Nguema foes	Macias Nguema regime, successor	Political, ethnic	6 – Preparation
Togo	2004 – present	Eyadema opponents	Government police, army	Political, ethnic	6 – Preparation
Liberia	1990 – 2000 2001 -- 2003	100,000 Krahn, Gio, Mano, etc.	Doe gov't army, Taylor rebels Gov't, rebels	Political, ethnic	5 - Polarization
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 1,000's Hutus	Hutu gov't Hutu Power gov't <i>Interahamwe</i> 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
Botswana	1990 – present	100's Kung Bushmen, Caprivi Namibians	Gov't police	Economic, political, ethnic	4 – Organization
Eritrea	1960's - 2000	10,000's Eritreans (independence war with Ethiopia)	Ethiopian armies, police	National, religious, ethnic	4 – Organization
Senegal – Casamance	1990 – 2001	1,000 Diola (civil war)	Senegalese army, rebels	Political, ethnic	4 – Organization
Kenya	1952 – 1960 1991 – 1993	1,500 Kikuyu, colonials 1,000's Nilotics	Colonial forces MauMau Kikuyu Ethnic militias	Ethnic, political	4 – Organization
Guinea Bissau	1960's – present	1,000's	Army	Political	4 – Organization
Morocco- Western Sahara	1976 – present	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 – present	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 funda- mentalists	Religious, political	4 – Organization
AMERICAS					
NATION	EPISODES	DEATH TOLL	KILLERS	DIVISIONS	STAGE in 2006
Colombia	1948 -- 1958 1975 – present	150,000 10,000's	Political parties Marxists, rightist death squads, drug cartels	Political Political, narcotics cartels	7 – Politicide
Venezuela	1945 – 1970's	1,000's Yanomami	Settlers, miners	Racial, ethnic;	5 – Polarization

	2004 -- present	Isolated Chavez opponents	Chavez neo-Marxists	Political, class	
Brazil	1945 -- 1964 1964 -- present sporadic massacres	300,000 Vargas foes, Indians 1,000's: Kayapo, Yanomami, etc.	Gov't police, settler militias Settlers, miners	Political, economic, racial, ethnic	4 -- Organization
Guatemala	1950's -- 1980's	200,000 Mayans	Gov't army, death squads	Racial, ethnic, political	4 -- Organization
Cuba	1945 -- 1959 1959 -- present	100's rebels 1000's "counter -- revolutionaries"	Rightist gov'ts Castro gov't	Political	4 -- Organization
Argentina	1976 -- 1980	20,000 leftists	Army, police	Racial, ethnic Political	4 -- Organization
Chil�	1973 -- 1976	10,000's leftists	Army, police	Political	4 -- Organization
Nicaragua	1970 -- 1979 1980 -- 1989	1,000's Sandinistas 10,000's Contras	Gov't army Sandinista army	Political	4 -- Organization
El Salvador	1980 -- 1992	10,000's leftists	Army, militias	Political	4 -- Organization
Paraguay	1945 -- 1962 1962 -- 1974	1000's Indians 1000 Ach� Indians	Army, settlers Settlers	Racial, ethnic	4 -- Organization
Mexico Chiapas	1945 -- 2001	10,000's Indians, gov't foes 10,000's Mayans	Army, police	Ethnic, political	4 -- Organization
		ASIA			
NATION	EPISODES	DEATH TOLL	KILLERS	DIVISIONS	STAGE in 2006
North Korea	1949 -- present	2 million +	Government	Political, class, regional	7 -- Politicide
Nepal	1996 -- present	20,000 anti-Maoists, 10,000's rebels	Maoist rebels Nepal army	Political	7 -- Political massacres
Afghanistan	1978 -- 1993 1993 -- 1996 1996 -- 2001 1996 -- 2001 2001 -- present	700,000 (civil war) 50,000+ 30,000 (civil war) 50,000+ Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazara 10,000+ 1,000's gov't supporters, 1,000's Taliban	Soviets Mujahadin Warlords Taliban, Al Queda Northern Alliance Taliban, Al Queda NATO, gov't	Political, national, religious, ethnic	7 -- Political terrorism, war
Pakistan East Pakistan: (now Bangladesh) West Pakistan Baluchistan, Sind	1947 (partition) 1971 1973 -- 1977 1978 -- present 1980's -- present	61,000 Hindus 1,500,000 Bengalis & Hindus Sindhis Shiites, Christians Baluchis, Sindis	Muslim mobs West Pakistani army Army Sunnis Army	Political, national, ethnic, religious	7 -- Massacres (by terrorists) 6 -- Preparation (by Al Queda, Baluchi & Sind separatists, Army)
Burma (Myanmar)	1945 -- 1948 1948 -- 1962 1962 -- 1978 1979 -- present	1,000's rebels 15,000 rebels, gov't 100,000 Shan, Karen, NDU	Burma Ind Move U Nu gov't, rebels Burmese gov't: SLORC, SPDC	Ethnic, political, religious	7 -- Politicide, genocidal massacres
Sri Lanka	1983 -- present	1000's: Tamil and Sinhalese civilians	Anti-Tamil mobs Tamil Tiger rebels	Ethnic, national, political, religious	7 -- Politicide genocidal massacres
Uzbekistan Fergana Valley	1991 -- present 2005 -- present	1,000's 100's opposition	Muslim fundamentalists Gov't police	Political, religious	7 -- Political massacres
Peoples Republic of China	1949 -- 1977 1977 -- present	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
Indonesia	1965 1966 -- present	500,000 communists 10,000's: Aceh 1,000's: Irian Jaya 1,000's: Moluccas 1,000's: Sulewesi	Suharto gov't Suharto gov't & successors Laskar Jihad Laskar Jihad	Political, ethnic Religious, political religious, ethnic, national	6 -- Preparation
India Gujarat Other states	1947 (partition) 1949 -- present 1992 -- present	100,000's Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs 1,000's Muslims, 100's Hindus	Hindu, Muslim, Sikh mobs Hindu mobs, Muslim mobs	National, religious, ethnic, political	6 -- Preparation occasional 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 Aseris	Azeri & Armenian armies	Ethnic, political, religious national	5 – Polarization
Cambodia	1945 – 1966 1966 – 1975 1968 – 1975 1975 – 1979 1979 – 1993 1993 – present	5,000 king's foes 15,000 Vietnamese 360,000 pro-gov't 1.7 – 2.2 million class enemies, Cham Muslims, city people, Vietnamese, Eastern Zone 230,000 (civil war) 1,000's gov't foes	Royal gov't Lon Nol gov't Khmer Rouge Khmer Rouge Samrin gov't, KR Hun Sen gov't	Political, class, ethnic, religious, national	5 – Polarization
French Vietnam South Vietnam North Vietnam Peoples Democratic Republic Vietnam	1945 – 1953 1954 – 1975 1954 – 1975 1975 – present	10,000's leftists 90,000 leftists 1 million class enemies, minorities 10,000's boat people, reeducated	French colonials South Viet gov't North Viet gov't Vietnamese gov't	Political, class, ethnic, national	4 – Organization
Laos	1945 – 1960 1960 – 1975 1975 -- present	10,000's leftists 100,000 anti-communists, Hmong	Royalists, French Pathet Lao Peoples Democratic Republic	Political, ethnic	4 - Organization
East Timor	1965 – 2000	200,000 Timorese	Indonesian army, militias	Political, national, ethnic, religious	(Refugees still at risk in Indonesia)
EUROPE					
NATION	EPISODES	DEATH TOLL	KILLERS	DIVISIONS	STAGE in 2006
Russia –Chechnya	1943 – 1957 1994 – present	50,000 Chechens, 1,000's Russians	USSR army Russian Army, Chechen rebels Neo-fascists	Ethnic, national, religious, political	7 – Politicide, massacres
Russia	1990's - present	Isolated deaths		Hate crimes	
Yugoslavia: Kosovo	1998 – 2001	10,000 Albanian Kosovars, 100's Serbs	Yugoslav Army Kosovo Lib Army	Ethnic, religious, national, political	5 – Polarization
Yugoslavia Croatia Serbia, Bosnia (including 1941-1945 relevant to later conflicts)	1941 – 1945 1941 – 1945 1945 – 1987 1993 – 2001	650,000 Serbs 100,000 Croats, Muslims 1 million Tito foes 1,000's dissidents	Croatian Fascists (Ustashi) Serb Partisans (Chetniks) Tito gov't Milosevic gov't	Political, ethnic, national, religious	8 – Denial 5 – Polarization
Macedonia	1999 - 2001	100's Albanians, Macedonians	Albanian rebels, Macedonia gov't	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 Abkhassians	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.) USSR national minorities, esp. in Crimea, Dagestan Ingushetia	1945 – 1953 1945 – 1947 1954 – 1991 1945 – 1991	15 million+ “class enemies” 1 million repatriated Soviet nationals 6 million+ dissidents 400,000 Karachai, Meshketians, Balkar Crimean Tatars,	Soviet police, army, NKVD (NKVD, KGB secret police) Red Army, Secret police	Political, national, ethnic, religious	Not applicable (State no longer exists.)

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		MIDDLE EAST			
NATION	EPISODES	DEATH TOLL	KILLERS	DIVISIONS	STAGE in 2006
Iraq	1961 – 2003 2003 – present	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
Israel – Palestine	1948 – 1955, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1987 -- 1993 2000 -- present	1,000’s Israelis, 1,000’s Palestinians 160 Israelis 1,162 Palestinians 100’s Israelis 1000’s Palestinians	Irgun, Arab terrorists, Israeli army, police, Fatah, Israeli army Hamas, Islamic Jihad, other terrorist groups; Israeli army, police	National, religious, ethnic, political	7 – Genocidal massacres 6 – Preparation
Lebanon	1974 – 1991 1991 – 2005 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
Syria	1981 – 1982	21,000 Kurds, Sunni Muslims	Syrian army, police	Political, religious, national	5 – Polarization
Turkey	1984 – 2000	10,000’s Kurds	Turkish army	Ethnic, religious, national, political	8 – Denial 5 – Polarization
Iran	1953 – 1978 1978 – 1992 1993 – present 2005 -- present	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
Cyprus	1963 – 1967	2,000 Turks, Greek Cypriots	Greek Cypriots Turks	Political, religious, ethnic, national	5 – Polarization (partition)