

# **Human rights violations committed by UN Blue Helmets**

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# Premise

We do not want to imply that the UN is a cruel or negative association.

We created this presentation in order to spread a pure reality, which we are often denied.

Our goal is not to attack the Blue Helmets but to be able to make people understand that they are pierced by people, and the human being is capable of performing unbecoming acts



# UN Blue Helmets

The UN Blue Helmets, wherever they have carried out "peacekeeping" missions, have committed a series of crimes against the civilian population, and only in very few cases has there been a trial and a criminal conviction. They killed thousands of civilians and practiced violence of all kinds. The list of documented cases is very long.



The United Nations investigated from May to November 2004 and published a report in early 2005, which shows that over the past 12 years the crime of the Blue Helmets against populations has increased. The "peacekeeper babies", that are the children of UN officials, have also increased. Indeed, an American official at the Glass Palace left children in Haiti, East Timor and the Congo.



# Somalia

Italy participated with the operation called 'Ibis'. The tasks assigned by the UN to the Italians were manifold: to guarantee the safety of the convoys that brought aid, to reclaim the territory, to seize weapons and various police duties. The mission, however, had unclear aspects that also involved the Italian soldiers, who were accused of torture and violence on Somalis. Eleven Italian soldiers were killed during the mission (July 1993), and the journalist Ilaria Alpi and the television operator Miran Hrovatin (March 1994) were assassinated too..



Atrocious events committed by Italian soldiers will emerge. In Italy, photos were published documenting the violence and torture of Italians against Somalis. In particular, these were rapes and the use of electroshock, applied by Valerio Ercole to the testicles of the victims.

# Somalia

The marshal of Folgore Valerio Ercole, in 1997, underwent a trial for practicing torture. Other countries, such as Belgium and Canada, had also tried soldiers for the same crime and sentenced them, but Valerio Ercole was acquitted by the Florence Court of Appeal, on prescription.



Ora vittima di parà della Folgore avrebbe seviziato nel 1993 una donna usando una bomba munita

## Somalia, dalle torture allo stupro Foto choc su una ragazza violentata

Il ministro Andreatta promette che non vi sarà «nessuna condiscendenza» e assicura la massima completezza delle indagini. L'inchiesta di Livorno sarà affidata ad un pool di magistrati. Valerio Ercole, il parà delle foto non parla perché «sta male».

### Generale Jean «Ci voleva il codice di guerra».

«Purtroppo in Somalia non venne applicato il codice penale militare di guerra. Ora non sappiamo neanche che magistrato deve gestire la causa... un tribunale somalo? Comunque sono stati commessi dei reati e vanno perseguiti fortemente. La Folgore è la prima a chiedere che venga fatta chiarezza, ma non si deve generalizzare». Il generale Carlo Jean, a margine del convegno sul tema «Corò la Patria», organizzato presso il Centro alti studi della Difesa di cui è presidente, è intervenuto sulle accuse di torture che stiamo emergendo a carico di alcuni dei nostri militari



L'immagine, concessa da «Panorama», testimonia una violenza compiuta da militari italiani su una ragazza somala

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Other tried Italian soldiers defended themselves by saying that the situation in which they were forced to operate was very difficult, as if this could make rape and torture lawful. In Italy the episodes were all covered up and the 'good' aspect of the mission was touted.

# Haiti

During the mission to Haiti, which began in 2004 after the exile of then President Bertrand Aristide, the peacekeeping forces abused by hundreds of underage girls. From the relationships that the Blue Helmets had with the abused girls - sometimes "in exchange" for a meal or a small payment - several children were born, nicknamed "little minutes" by the acronym of the mission, by now it would be aware of the fact that it deals with isolated episodes.



Soldiers from 13 countries would have abused the girls, including Uruguay, Chile, Argentina, Canada and France

# All over the world

In Congo, there are 150 documented cases of crimes committed by UN blue helmets, including carnal violence, pedophilia and the exploitation of prostitution. In other countries there will be similar abuses. In 1991 in Cambodia the Blue Helmets committed sexual abuse of minors. In 1993, in Sarajevo, Ukrainian blue helmets paid sexual services on gasoline and others committed sexual abuse of minors. In 1994 in Mozambique, some blue helmets sexually abused minors. In 2001, in Eritrea, Danish and Italian UN soldiers organized orgies with 13-year-old girls. In 2002 UN officials organized sexual trafficking in the refugee camps of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone and in 2004 two Blue Helmets were accused of sexual violence.





# links

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