

NUMBERS

FINLAND

36 640 Finns were killed in the Finnish Civil War (1918).

That was 1,17 % of the Finnish population.

Most of the killed were not soldiers and only one fourth of the casualties died in battles.

Most of them died somewhere else: exhausted to death in prison camps, or were executed or murdered.

In the Winter War (1939–1940), Continuation War (1941–1944) and Lapland War (1944–1945)

92 232 Finns were killed, including 2 086 civilians.

That was 2,5 % of the Finnish population.

In these wars Finns killed 328 000 Soviet soldiers,

4 000 – 7 000 civilians and 1 000 German soldiers.

Soviet Union lost 0,17 % of its population.

IRAQ

USA attacked Iraq in the year 1990 (Gulf War)

and again in 2003 (Iraq War).

In addition to the wars Iraq was punished with economic sanctions 1990–2003.

The sanctions increased the mortality rate in Iraq, but how much?

Was the death toll of the sanctions 100 000 or 1,5 million Iraqis?

After winning the Iraq War USA occupied Iraq and tried to pacify it. But failed.

In the end USA stopped the military operations and withdraw its troops from Iraq (2011).

In these wars and during the occupation 4 786 soldiers of USA, and 13 civilians, were killed.

That was 0,0016 % of the population of USA.

54 000 – 177 000 Iraqi soldiers were killed and 287 000 – 2 820 000 civilians.

Iraq lost 1,7–11 % of its population.

CHECHNYA

Russia attacked Chechnya in 1994–1996 and again in 1999–2009.

Russia lost the first war, but won the second.

After the wars it installed a puppet regime to govern Chechnya.

At least 25 000 Russian soldiers were killed in these wars.

That was 0,02 % of Russian population.

In the Chechen wars 60 000 – 200 000 citizens of Chechnya were killed, mostly civilians.

That was 5–20 % of the population of Chechnya.

CONCLUSIONS

The Finnish Civil War was ahead of its time: most of the killed were not soldiers.

Chechnya suffered more than Finland and Iraq in these wars:

the death toll, in proportion to population, was the biggest in the Chechen wars

and as a result of the wars the whole country vanished.

Russia attacked Ukraine, in 2014 and again in 2022–, and was emboldened to do so

by the Gulf War, Iraq War and the Chechen Wars.