

Criminal Investigations over the Killings of Journalists in Georgia, 2006-2014

Throughout the period of 2006-2014, three journalists were killed in Georgia. All the three, Stan Storimans, a Dutch national, Alexander Klimchuk and Grigol Chikhladze, Georgian nationals lost their lives during the August 2008 Russia-Georgia armed conflict.

According to the preliminary allegations, Stan Storimans was killed as a result of the Russian aerial attack on the Georgian town of Gori on 12 August 2008. Klimchuk and Chikhladze were shot dead while approaching the town of Tskhinvali on 10 August 2008. The two wore distinctively civilian clothing and the press signs while being shot.

Killings of Stan Storimans, Alexander Klimchuk and Grigol Chikhladze are being investigated by the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia as part of the wider investigations over the war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed during 2008 armed conflict.