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## **Russian Federation: UN Commission fails the victims of serious human rights abuses in Chechnya**

*Today, the UN Commission on Human Rights, in its 58th session, narrowly voted against a resolution expressing concern at serious violations of human rights in Chechnya.*

*“The Commission's failure to hold Russia's human rights record in Chechnya to account is deplorable,” stated Amnesty International.*

*The Commission has effectively turned a blind eye to egregious human rights violations committed with impunity by Russian forces against a largely defenceless civilian population. These violations include extra-judicial executions, “disappearances” and torture, including rape, that constitute grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions.*

*In failing to pass the resolution the Commission has effectively endorsed Russian military conduct in Chechnya. The Russian government is now under no obligation to report back to the Commission's next session or the General Assembly on the human rights situation in Chechnya.*

*“As the conflict in Chechnya intensifies, the UN Commission on Human Rights today turned a blind eye to human rights abuses committed there,” Amnesty International stated.*

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