

## ABSTRACT

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This paper seeks to commemorate civilians who lost their lives during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Secondly, it examines the international community's non-response to this loss. Through a perusal of existing accounts, the consolidation of a workable database, and the geographic representation of these accounts, trends have been illuminated across cases. These trends are situated within existing literature regarding the efficacy of international law—particularly as pertinent to transitional contexts—and genocide designations in order to better understand the status of human rights violations during the occupation. The implications this status may have upon comparable mass atrocities are also parsed. Lastly, by way of an epistolary narrative, lyricism is employed to foreground the human toll of Afghanistan's ongoing violence.