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In recent years, there have been terrible wars in areas close to us - Ukraine and the Middle East/Gaza. Unbelievable! But what is most unbelievable is how the acts of war are indiscriminately directed against civil society in the war zones.

We have been forced to watch through the media as those responsible for the war have continued to kill innocent people ruthlessly and unscrupulously.

If the killing of almost 40 000 people in Gaza with high-tech, efficient war machinery is not genocide, it is probably a deliberate, terrorist mass murder of ordinary people. Completely indefensible. The attacks on society and citizens in Ukraine are equally heinous.

In April, the European Association of Pensioners (AGE) discussed these unimaginable acts against humanity.

Citizens are the main victims of war. It is hard to imagine that anyone could bomb apart living communities with inhabitants, hospitals, schools, homes, sports centres, shops, markets and parks. Most of the survivors (!) have brutally lost their children and grandchildren, parents, siblings, grandparents, other relatives, friends and acquaintances. In addition to those killed, tens of thousands are maimed. Families are now divided and displaced from their homes, which have been left in ruins. They have lost all meaning in life - everything worth living for, their entire future. Their daily lives are filled with boundless pain and suffering -

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and utter helplessness, confusion and hunger. Even the children who are still alive are crying, even though they cannot see the extent of the disaster.

Many of the victims are older people - like us. At the same time, here at home we are concerned, among other things, that home care is not really working.

At the AGE meeting, the terrible situation of the older people and other innocent people in the war zones was emotionally debated. As part of civil society, we can and should try to influence unacceptable circumstances by raising our voices, by expressing our indignation at the acts of war against innocent people, which disregard human rights, including the right to live in peace with one's loved ones – and by appealing to those responsible to stop killing innocent people immediately!

With this, we - the European pensioners - show our solidarity to the people, both older and younger, who have suffered unjustly but mercilessly from the horrors of war.

Perhaps it can bring a small ray of hope to them. And may it help bring an end to the unforgivable acts of war against innocents.

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