

Why does the TIM do this?

War crimes are the most serious types of crime. We believe those guilty of war crimes should be punished to the fullest extent of the law, wherever they are. The Netherlands does not wish to be a safe haven for war criminals. The government also wishes to prevent people who flee from a situation of war to the Netherlands from being confronted with the very criminals that they sought to escape.

Do you have information on war crimes? Report it to us:

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If you are a refugee from a country at war, your experiences in your country of origin could be important to us. You may know of war criminals who are currently in the Netherlands.



Do you know of somebody who has committed war crimes?

If you know of somebody who has committed war crimes, but do not know what to do with the information, be aware that the International Crimes Unit (Team Internationale Misdriften, TIM) conducts investigations on behalf of the Public Prosecution Service into war crimes, genocide, torture and crimes against humanity. If a war criminal is in the Netherlands, it is possible to open an investigation. We can also use the information if he/she has fled to another country. In recent years, we have conducted investigations in Rwanda, Afghanistan, the former Yugoslavia, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Congo. Dutch courts have already sentenced a number of war criminals to jail.



Why does the TIM want you to read this?

Your information may help us track down war criminals. For example, it is possible that you have information about Dutch nationals who have been involved in wars or that you yourself are a victim of war crimes. Whatever the case may be, we ask you to contact us at no obligation to yourself. We will then look at what we can do with your information, which our investigation team will of course treat confidentially.

What are war criminals?

War criminals are people who have committed acts during times of war that are prohibited by the rules of warfare. This can include the killing of prisoners and/or civilians, deployment of child soldiers, rape, plundering, torture and the use of prohibited weapons such as poison gas. A war criminal may have committed these acts him/herself or have given orders to do so. In other cases, he/she may have been responsible for the crimes due to his/her position and could have intervened.