



## The Last Flight

Mothers, especially young ones in societies with diseased social contacts among relatives, continue to face unbearable discrimination in the family. Physical violence from men and poverty are the most common causes of maternal suicide.

The society must stop pretending that the problem does not exist labeling such mothers as "monsters who kill own children." The journalist must expose the real monsters that bring women to suicide. Until this happens women around the world will continue to jump out of windows with their children, and we will read about events like those that I list here.

Match 31, 2005, Simferopol, Ukraine

46 year old Natalia with a two year old daughter jumped from the sixth floor. Before that she lit many candles in the apartment.

December 11, 2007, Glazaniha, Onezhski rayon, Arkhangelskaya oblast, Russia

Natalia T., born in 1981, strangled her five-month daughter and hanged herself.

February 23, 2008, the day of a traditional celebration of the Defender of the Fatherland, Moscow, Russia

35 year old young mother jumped with her six year old child out of a window on the 26 floor of the hotel Ismailovskaya.

April 22, 2008, Rubtsovsk, Altaiski Krai, Russia

A mother and a daughter jumped out of an apartment window on the fifth floor. A girl born in 2000 died, a woman born in 1980 was taken to intensive care.

July 9, 2008, Nogir, Vladikavkaz, Russia

Female doctor drowned herself and her child in a river. The child was terminally ill from birth.

September 2008, poselok Shiverski, Krasnoyarski krai, Russia

29 year old Zhanna killed her children, 10 year old Nastya and 4 year old Nikita, wrote a note to her husband, "Thanks, you buried me" and committed suicide. About a year before the incident the family began to quarrel as the husband cheated on her. Villagers did not allow to bury the mother with the children and invited the district priest to sanctify the place of the murder.

August 4, 2009, Chita, Russia

The woman intended to jump out of a window on the ninth floor on Lenin Street. The woman was drunk and was holding her child, who was less than a year old. Before the accident she had quarreled with her cohabitant.

September 2009, Novonikolskaya, Bykovsky rayon, Volgogradskaya oblast, Russia

Irina Ilicheva, an unemployed single mother raising two children of four and six year old, took a pill, gave pills to her children and threw herself and children into a river. Seeing that her mother began to sink, the son ran for help. The bodies of the mother and the girl were found later in the river. The son was placed into the intensive care. Before that the woman expressed several times her desire to commit suicide due to poverty.

September 9, 2009, Bolokhovo, Kireevski rayon, Tula oblast, Russia

23 year old unmarried pregnant native of Dagestan killed herself by taking 50 tablets of drotaverine. The woman was 7 month pregnant.

January 25, 2010, Chelyabinsk, Russia

In a rented room in a communal apartment a woman, who came from Bashkiria, killed her children and then committed suicide. Neighbours reported that the family was experiencing great financial difficulties. At the place pledge tickets from a lombard were found. In the suicide note she wrote: "We have gone ourselves, we have no relatives. Lena. I'm sorry. It is very hard when nobody can help."

April 2010, Toliatti, Russia

Tatiana with her one year old child, after a quarrel with a cohabitant, went to sleep at her parents place. In the morning she with her daughter jumped out of a fifth floor window of the apartment block 63 on Stepan Razin avenue. The woman was placed into intensive care with multiple fractures. She was discharged home from the hospital in the middle of July to continue her recovery at home. She could not remember what happened. The girl escaped with bruises and was released from the hospital quickly and her aunt took care about her. In August the court forcibly send the mother a psychiatric clinic.

June 10, 2010, Krasnozavodsk, Moscovskaya oblast, Russia

A mother with a two month baby in her arms jumped from a window on the fifth floor. Doctors said the 22 year old women was in a critical condition and coma in

intensive care. The baby got a head injury and a broken rib. During the pregnancy the women regularly visited a psychologist. After the childbirth, she was taken to a psychiatric ward, but at the insistence of parents she was soon discharged.

June 30, 2010, St. Petersburg, Russia

A woman, after a phone conversation with her husband, threw herself together with two children out of a window on the eighth floor of an apartment building on Zvezdnaya Street. Four year Masha got blunt abdominal trauma, closed head injury and a broken shoulder, six year old Pasha got a closed fracture of the pelvis and a head injury. Before the jump the woman called her husband several times asking to immediately return home.

July 22, 2010, Tyumen, Russia

A woman threatened to jump out of a window of her apartment on seventh floor together with a six year daughter. Rescue workers and police broke into the apartment, took the child and called psychiatric care unit.

February 14, 2011, Valentine's Day, Ulyanovsk, Russia

A woman with a baby was sitting on the window sill of the third floor until the neighbors called emergency services. They were locked in the apartment by a husband when he left to work.

April 25, 2011, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Due to family hardship 36 year old mother shot and killed her children of 6 and 11 years, and then shot herself.

July 29, 2011, Starkovo village, Ramenskij rayon, Moskovskaya oblast, Russia

26 year old Catherine Yurkova with her 6 day old baby jumped into a well.

2011, Emington, Illinois, USA

30 year old Sarah McKean killed her three children (the youngest was less than a year old) and her cohabitant, then killed herself.

January 20, 2011, Salem, Tamil Nadu, India

Ambika threw five year old son and one year old daughter into a well and jumped there herself trying to flee from a rapist neighbor.

May 26, 2011, Moscow, Russia

30 year old woman with one month old baby jumped out of a window of the apartment block 35, building 3 on Brateevskaya street. The mother and child died after falling on the entrance roof.

August 9, 2011, Cheboksarski rayon, Chuvashia, Russia

A 36 year old woman, who was going through difficult times in relations with her husband, killed her two daughters and hanged herself.

September 2011, Viña del Mar, Chile

18 year old Javier Danica Kiroz Nunez threw her six month old daughter Melis Johan Valdivia Kiroz from a 30 meter high hill on Herrera Toro Javier street, near her home, and then jumped down herself. She died later in hospital.

October 24, 2011, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

32 year old Marina jumped from a balcony on 16th floor holding in her arms her 1.5 year old daughter. They both died. The woman left a 4 year old son. The husband Vladimir said the woman had been in a state of depression. The suicide note stated that one cannot raise a family without love.

December 7, 2011, Laredo, Texas, USA

Reychal Grimmer shot herself and her children in an office of a health department. There she was denied for the second time receiving a social assistance. Before the shooting threatening with a gun she took one of employee hostage. 12 year old girl and a 10 year old boy were hospitalized in critical conditions.

December 12, 2011, Tatarstan, Russia

After putting to sleep her four children, 27 year old pregnant Venera P. hanged herself in the bathroom. Her husband left the family long time ago. The family

was poor and the only income was sporadic jobs. The oldest child was 10 year old. The last straw was reproaches from her mother.

January 16, 2012, Førde, Norway

After waiting for five and a half years for political asylum 24 year Garolin Nesaraja from Sri Lanka committed self-immolation together with her five year old son. She survived the war and life-threatening dangers in Sri Lanka. Then she experience Norwegian police mistrust, betrayal of relatives living in Norway, slavery, loneliness, a refugee camp, injustice, child birth and a separation from child's father. A week before Garolin was denied the asylum her sister Mira was killed in Sri Lanka.

February 28, 2012, Kamenetz-Podolski, Ukraine

35 year old mother of two threw her four year old son from the Turecki bridge and then jumped herself. The women with multiple fractures of the spine, hands and legs was brought to a hospital. The child died.

March 2012, Beijing, China

A police officer prevented a suicide attempt by a women with a baby in her arms. Mother was going to jump off the bridge.

March 11, 2012, Novoorsk, Orenburgskaya oblast, Russia

Two police patrol officers prevented a suicide of 20 year old pregnant woman. She was trying to hang herself in backyard after a quarrel with her cohabitant.

April 6, 2012, Svetlograd, Stavropolski krai, Russia

26 year old woman stabbed to death her two month old son and then tried to commit suicide. The woman was hospitalized. She told that poverty was the cause.

May 16, 2012, Port St. John, Florida, USA

33 year old Tanya Thomas shot 12 year old Joel, 13 year old Dzhezlin, 15 year old Jax and 17 year old Pibbbs, then committed suicide. Shortly before the tragedy a friend of Tanya received her sms, but read it too late.

May 25, 2012, Krasnozavodskoi rayon, Volgograd, Russia

23 year old Daria Burtceva killed with an ax her 3 years old daughter, wrote a suicide note in which she confessed to the murder, and jumped from a roof of a 14 storey tall building. She was going to be married few weeks later.

June 6, 2012, Moscow, Russia

In South Butovo 18 year old Nurzada Orozobekova, native of Kyrgyzstan, died by jumping out of a window on the 9th floor of an apartment block on Admiral Ushakov boulevard. Deceased mother was about 4 or 5 month pregnant. She lived together with her husband, 23 year old Aklbek, and two other families in a 3-room apartment. Before jumping Nurzada argued over the phone with her father.

June 23, 2012, St. Petersburg, Russia

Olga M. threw herself with a two month baby in her arms into Malaya Nevka river from Smolny Quay. The deceased left a 19 year old son.

July 2, 2012, Lake Seliger, Ostashkov, Russia

26 year old nurse Inna Ovseenko, a single mother, stabbed her child to death and with his body drowned in the lake. After a divorce in 2011 Inna lived with her parents.

July 16, 2012, Arkhangelsk, Russia

41 year old resident of Arkhangelsk threw her seven year old son out of a window on the fifth floor and then jumped herself.

July 21, 2012, Moscow, Russia

25 year old mother, who lived in an apartment block on Ozernaya street 21, took pills and tried to give the pills to her child. The mother and the child were taken to a hospital.

August 6, 2012, Zimovniki, Rostovskaya oblast, Russia

32 year old Diana Nochivnaya, a mother of five children (the eldest son was 16 year old, the youngest daughter was 2 year old), in front of her employer Valeria

Rahimov jumped from a railway bridge on power lines. The cause was an inability to repay a loan that she got to send older children to school. The loan was 10 thousand rubbles (320 USD) at 16% annually, and Diana earned no more than 15 thousand rubles (480 USD) a month. She planned to repay the loan when her husband would return from a temporary job. But six weeks later he came back without money. Diana died in hospital from burns.

August 24, 2012, Minsk, Belarus

32 year old journalist threw her 7 year old son out of a window of her apartment on the 9th floor, and then jumped herself together with 2 year old son.

August 28, 2012, Stavropol, Russia

A 14 year old pregnant woman hanged herself in a shed because the parents induced her to marry an unloved man and forbidden to marry the baby's father.

## Notes

I present here mostly Russian cases, as the study was carried out in a Russian-speaking segment of the Internet. I included several cases of suicides of pregnant women to expose that problem as well. However it is a big a topic in itself that cannot be reduced to biological reasons. I cannot assert that all listed cases took place in reality. A lot of news in Russia are rigged. I have not considered suicides of mothers with adult children due to poverty and cases that looked like a physical murder of mother and child by a man .

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