

**I HAVE ISSUED THE COMMAND - AND I'LL
HAVE ANYBODY WHO UTTERS BUT ONE
WORD OF CRITICISM EXECUTED BY A FIRING
SQUAD - THAT OUR WAR AIM DOES NOT
CONSIST IN REACHING CERTAIN LINES,
BUT IN THE PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF
THE ENEMY. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE
PLACED MY DEATH-HEAD FORMATIONS IN
READINESS - FOR THE PRESENT ONLY IN
THE EAST - WITH ORDERS TO THEM TO
SEND TO DEATH MERCILESSLY AND
WITHOUT COMPASSION, MEN, WOMEN,
AND CHILDREN OF POLISH DERIVATION
AND LANGUAGE. ONLY THUS SHALL WE
GAIN THE LIVING SPACE (LEBENSRAUM)
WHICH WE NEED. WHO, AFTER ALL,
SPEAKS TODAY OF THE ANNIHILATION OF
THE ARMENIANS?**

**ADOLF HITLER, AUGUST 22, 1939,
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