

# "Day by Day: Georgia-Russia crisis" - BBC News

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgian forces and South Ossetia separatists agree to observe a ceasefire and hold Russian-mediated talks.</li> <li>Hours later, Georgian forces launch a surprise attack, sending a large force against the breakaway province and reaching the capital Tskhinvali.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia pours troops and armor towards South Ossetia and engages Georgian forces in and around Tskhinvali.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Georgian parliament approves a decree declaring a "state of war".</li> <li>Russia says its troops have wrested control of Tskhinvali, from Georgian forces.</li> <li>Russian planes attack military targets in the central town of Gori, close to South Ossetia.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia says it has ordered a ceasefire, that its forces have withdrawn from South Ossetia and that the Russians control Tskhinvali.</li> <li>Russia says clashes are continuing, and it launches fresh bombing raids near the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.</li> <li>Separatist authorities in Abkhazia announce a full military mobilization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russian officials reject a French brokered ceasefire.</li> <li>Georgian officials claim that Russian troops have moved south and "captured" Gori in central Georgia.</li> <li>Russia deploys thousands of troops to Abkhazia and later moves deep into Georgian territory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgian forces pull back towards the capital, Tbilisi.</li> <li>In Abkhazia, Russian-backed rebels announce the beginning of operations against Georgian troops in the Kodori Gorge area.</li> <li>Both Russian and Georgia agree to a ceasefire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ceasefire basically holds while the US pledges support to Georgia.</li> <li>The Kremlin responds with some tough rhetoric of its own towards the US.</li> <li>In Georgia there are numerous accounts of Russian military activity far beyond the borders of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first shipments of US humanitarian aid arrive in Georgia.</li> <li>Violence prevents Russian paratroopers from handing back control of Gori.</li> <li>The Russians say they will respect whatever course of action the South Ossetian and Abkhazian separatist leaders decide upon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia's President signs an EU-brokered ceasefire with Russia.</li> <li>US says Russia now has to withdraw from Georgia immediately.</li> <li>The Russians suggest that only Russians will be acceptable as an international peace keeping force to the population.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia follows Georgia in signing a peace deal to end their conflict, but says its troops will only withdraw once additional security measures are in place.</li> <li>Russian tanks are within 35km (22 miles) of the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, after advancing to the village of Igoeti.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russian President Medvedev says his forces will begin withdrawing from Georgia on Monday.</li> <li>However, Mr Medvedev indicates that additional troops sent to Georgia will withdraw to South Ossetia, rather than to their pre-conflict positions in Russia as agreed in a French-brokered ceasefire signed by both sides.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are conflicting stories concerning the state of the Russian redeployment.</li> <li>Russian troops remain stationed near the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, with Moscow saying it has the right to keep some troops as peacekeepers in a buffer zone around South Ossetia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tensions remain high concerning Russian intentions as the pullout of Russian troops continues.</li> <li>In an apparent goodwill gesture, Russia exchanges 15 Georgian prisoners for five of its own troops at a Russian checkpoint near Tbilisi.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia refuses to honor the earlier ceasefire plan and submits an alternative plan to the UN Security Council.</li> <li>An immediate Russian pullout from Georgia appears less and less likely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia tells NATO it is suspending all military cooperation.</li> <li>Separatist leaders of Georgia's breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia urge Russia to recognize their independence.</li> <li>Russia says it will keep troops in a security zone around South Ossetia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large columns of Russian armor leave Georgian territory for the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> <li>Russia's Deputy Chief of General Staff says that nearly 2,600 troops will remain as peacekeepers in a "zone of responsibility" around South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia defends plans to keep its forces in the key Georgian port of Poti, saying it does not break terms of the French-brokered ceasefire.</li> <li>The US, France and UK say Russia has already failed to comply by creating buffer zones around the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A US warship arrives in the Georgian port of Batumi carrying the first delivery of aid supplies by sea.</li> <li>Russian forces still control the military port of Poti, to the north.</li> <li>French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who brokered the ceasefire, calls a special summit of EU leaders on Georgia for 1 September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russia's parliament backs a motion urging the president to recognize the independence of Georgia's breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> <li>Britain says it "would be a mistake" if Russia and NATO did not maintain links in the wake of the Georgian crisis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Dmitry Medvedev declares that Russia formally recognizes the independence of the breakaway Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.</li> <li>The move, in defiance of a specific plea from US President George W. Bush, prompts widespread condemnation from around the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US and European leaders reduce their ties with Russian following the announcement on the preceding day.</li> <li>A US ship carrying aid arrives in Georgia - the second since the crisis began. It changes its course, avoiding the Russian-occupied port of Poti, docking at Batumi instead.</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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