

## **Caucasus War Games**

Region: Russia and FSU

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## CSTO starts next stage of Rubezh-2008 joint exercises in Armenia [Translated for Stop NATO]

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Moscow – The third phase of the joint command and staff exercises of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), "Rubezh-2008," will begin on August 18 in Armenia, the CSTO Secretariat told Interfax-Military.

"This is a continuation of integrated CSTO joint exercises. "The first phase was conducted in early July in Armenia, the second in late July in Moscow. .... In addition, he said, in Yerevan on 21 August a meeting of the Council of Defense Ministers of the CSTO Member States will be held.

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The Collective Security Treaty provides that if a member state is subjected to aggression, the remaining countries of the Organization will view this as aggression against all of them.

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