

Georgian Mock Invasion Broadcast 'a Provocation' - Kosachev

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Georgia has been in a state of panic after its Imedi television network broadcast a mock play-out of a scenario in which the country suffers a blitz military invasion from Russia and its President Mikhail Saakashvili is physically eliminated.

Many people took the show for real and started packing.

The development is not without a reaction in Russia. The Lower House's foreign affairs head Konstantin Kosachov calls attention to the fact that the once opposition Imedi channel is now controlled by Saakashvili and has apparently been used for staging a deliberate provocation.

He also suspects a design to replay the latest South Caucasus war, in which the Saakashvili regime tried but failed to forcefully repossess South Ossetia. According to Mr Kosachov, Russia is going to raise the matter on international security bodies.

In August 2008, Georgia launched a sudden assault on the South Ossetian capital Tskhinval. The attack killed dozens of Russian peacekeepers and hundreds of local people. This country had to wage a five-day campaign to compel Georgia to peace.

In the aftermath, it recognized South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent states.

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