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   Citizens of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina possessing biometric passports will be able to travel to and throughout the Schengen area without a visa. That is the result of an unanimous vote by the Council which amends regulation No 539/2001 (PE-CONS 50/10). The European Parliament gave its green light to the amendments on 7 October 2010.

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   PanARMENIAN.Net - Armenian and Georgian IT companies shared the awards at GITI 2010 Cyber Security Event in Tbilisi, UI TE Expo director Vahan Hovsepyan stated. As he noted at a news conference in Yerevan, while Georgian contestants were better represented by governmental institutions, Armenian companies were leading in private sector, winning 4 out of 6 nominations.

   2. Armenia denies link with uranium seized in Georgia

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   YEREVAN -- A senior Armenian official says highly-enriched uranium confiscated by Georgian authorities from two Armenian citizens was not stolen from the Metsamor nuclear power plant or any other facility in Armenia, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports. Ashot Martirosian, the head of the State Committee on Nuclear Safety, insisted on November 16 that nuclear material security in the
3. Armenian agriculture in crisis

16.11.2010, Panarmenian.net

READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/economy/news/56827/

PanARMENIAN.Net - Agricultural problems arouse concern of agronomist Garnik Petrosyan, who says that Armenian agriculture is in deep crisis. “The slump is mostly conditioned by unfavorable weather conditions, but there are other serious reasons behind it. The crisis affected agriculture later than the other fields of economy,” he told a press conference in Yerevan.


15.11.2010, Panarmenian.net

READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/economy/news/56803/

PanARMENIAN.Net - Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia Daniel Rosenblum said that the Millennium Challenge Corporation continues implementing projects in Armenia, while the program will be completed in the country September 2011.

5. Russia 'concerned' about Armenian protests of foreign-language schools


READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Russia_Concerned_About_Armenian_Protests_Of_Foreign_Language_Schools/2218106.html

YEREVAN -- A senior Russian parliament deputy says Moscow is concerned about vehement protests in Armenia against a government bill allowing foreign-language schools, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports. Nikolay Ryzhkov, a co-chairman of a Russian-Armenian commission on interparliamentary cooperation and Duma deputy, said on November 11 that there is a sense in Russia that the protests are primarily directed against the Russian language. He said the Russian language should be in greater use in Armenia not least because of the existence of a large Armenian community in Russia.

6. Armenia: Yerevan tight-lipped on uranium smuggling case

11.11.2010, Eurasianet.org

READ MORE: http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62357

Earlier this year, Georgia's successful sting operation to uncover a weapons-grade uranium trafficking operation made headlines worldwide. Armenia has reportedly worked closely with Georgia in the ongoing investigation, but officials in Yerevan are reluctant to detail the country's connection to the case.

7. In Georgia, two Armenians plead guilty to nuclear smuggling

08.11.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/In_Georgia_Two_Armenians_Plead_Guilty_To_Nuclear_Smuggling/2213781.html

Georgia's Interior Ministry says two Armenians have pleaded guilty to trying to smuggle nuclear bomb-grade uranium into the country. Officials say the closed-door trial of the Armenians, Sumbat Tonoyan and Hrant Ohanyan, was kept secret to protect the identity of undercover agents involved in the case.
### Azerbaidjan

1. **Baku hosts meeting of presidents of Russia and Iran (UPDATE)**  
18.11.2010. TREND  
Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev has met with Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Baku on Thursday, the Iranian president’s official website reported.

2. **Azerbaijan to chair RALI in 2011**  
18.11.2010. TREND  
Azerbaijan will chair the Regional Alliance of Labor Inspectorates (RALI) next year, Azerbaijani Labor and Social Protection Minister Fizuli Alakbarov told journalists in Baku at the Third RALI Conference on the Role of Labor Inspectorates in the National OSH System.

3. **Caspian Sea states gather in Baku for summit**  
18.11.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty  
READ MORE: [http://www.rferl.org/content/Caspian_Sea_States_Gather_In_Baku_For_Summit/2223479.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Caspian_Sea_States_Gather_In_Baku_For_Summit/2223479.html)  
BAKU -- Leaders from the five Caspian littoral states are gathering in Baku for the 4th Caspian summit to discuss the sea's legal status, RFE/RL's Azerbaijani Service reports. The heads of Azerbaijan, Russia, Iran, Kazakhstan, and perhaps Turkmenistan are to meet on November 18-20 to discuss the territorial division of the Caspian Sea and the establishment of the Caspian Economic Cooperation Organization.

4. **Azerbaijani experts: Baku summit to provide basis to define Caspian Sea status**  
16.11.2010, TREND  
Azerbaijani political scientists believe that the Baku summit of Caspian littoral states will provide a basis for determining the status of the Caspian Sea. “The frequent summits of Caspian countries are bringing the countries closer to a solution to the problem,” Azerbaijani political scientist Aydin Mirzazade told Trend today.

### Georgia

1. **Obama to meet Saakashvili in Lisbon**  
19.11.2010, Civil.Ge  
READ MORE: [http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22860](http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22860)  
U.S. President Barack Obama will meet his Georgian counterpart Mikheil Saakashvili on a sideline of NATO summit in Lisbon on November 20, the White House said, Reuters and AFP reported.

2. **EU leaders: Georgia is important partner**  
19.11.2010, ENPI Info  
The EU has a very strong strategic interest in stability, prosperity and democracy in its eastern neighbourhood, and Georgia is a very important partner in this region, said President of the European Commission José Manuel Durão Barroso following a meeting in Brussels with the President
of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili. He said EU-Georgia relations were “progressing well and at a good pace”.

3. Georgia creates Solidarity Fund to rescue Georgian sailors captured by pirates
19.11.2010, TREND

The Georgian Trade Unions Confederation jointly with the Sailors Trade Union has established the Solidarity Fund to rescue 13 Georgian sailors who are being held by Somali pirates. An appeal has been sent to sailors' trade unions in different countries to collect funds to pay their ransom, union head Irakli Petriashvili said.

4. Saakashvili, Barroso meet in Brussels
18.11.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22857

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said that although “significant progress” had been made on legislative and regulatory measures, Georgia needs “more efforts” on their implementation to launch talks on deep and comprehensive free trade agreement with EU.

5. EU president urges Georgia to make formal application for EU membership
18.10.2010, TREND

Georgia should make a formal application for EU membership, EU President Jose Manuel Barroso said at a joint press conference with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili in Brussels. The briefing was shown on Georgian television channels.

6. Georgia releases Moldovan vessel
16.11.2010, TREND

Moldovan flag detained in the port of Poti was freed today after paying an administrative fine of 50,000 lari (about $28,500). The ship has 11 crew members. Seven are Ukrainian citizens and the rest are Russian citizens, including Captain Sergei Goloshchapov.

V. GEORGIA – RUSSIA

1. Georgia allows Russian official to meet with alleged spy ring
22.11.2010, Ria Novosti
READ MORE: http://en.rian.ru/exsoviet/20101122/161441379.html

Georgia has allowed a Russian official to meet on Monday with four Russian nationals who are awaiting trial on espionage charges in Tbilisi, Georgian Deputy Foreign Minister Nino Kalandadze said. The meeting is scheduled for 1 pm Moscow time (10:00 GMT.)

2. Deputy defense minister: United States urges Russia to fulfil ceasefire agreement
18.11.2010, TREND

The United States has urged Russia to fulfil the ceasefire agreement signed in 2008. As U.S Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Vershbow said at a meeting in Washington at the Hopkins Institute, the United States continues to exert pressure on Russia in this matter.
VI. GREECE

1. Greece's 2011 budget means more belt-tightening
19.11.2010, euronews
Greece is pledging more cuts to meet the terms of its international bailout in a belt-tightening budget. A USB information storage stick containing plans to raise VAT, freeze pensions and reduce government waste among other measures was handed over in parliament.

2. Azerbaijani-Greek intergovernmental commission’s next meeting postponed
19.11.2010, TREND
The next meeting of the Azerbaijani-Greek intergovernmental commission on economic cooperation, which was scheduled for late November in Baku, is postponed. Greece's Deputy Foreign Minister, Spyros Kouvelis was expected to visit the country to attend the meeting in Baku Nov.28-29, the Greek Embassy in Baku told Trend.

3. Greek police, protesters clash at annual march
17.11.2010, Kyiv Post
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Youths hurled rocks, flares and smashed-up paving stones at police outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens on Wednesday, during a mass rally to mark the anniversary of a 1973 anti-dictatorship uprising.

4. Greece, Germany grapple over debt
15.11.2010, BBC News
READ MORE: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB1000142405274870458450457561603310586068.html?mod=fox_australian
Greece's prime minister lashed out Monday at Germany—its chief euro-zone benefactor—for tough talk on government-debt defaults, making clear the widening strains inside the 16-member eurozone as the currency bloc wrestles with a teeming sovereign-debt crisis.

5. Greece's budget deficit worsens
15.11.2010, BBC News
READ MORE: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-11755320
Greece's 2009 budget deficit was worse than previously calculated, making it the largest in the eurozone, new figures have shown.

6. Greek Socialists win local poll as debt fears rise
15.11.2010, Daily News
Greece's governing Socialists emerged the winner of local government elections, despite a record low turnout and renewed pressure on the crisis-hit nation to impose a new round of drastic spending cuts.
### VII. MOLDOVA

1. **Moldovan citizens to vote in polling station at embassy**
   - 19.11.2010, TREND
   Moldovan citizens temporarily residing in Azerbaijan may vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections in a polling station organized by the Moldovan Embassy in Baku. Moldova will hold snap parliamentary elections on Nov. 28.

2. **Moldova's president denounces border treaty with Romania**
   - 17.11.2010, EurActive
   Mihai Ghimpu, the acting president of Moldova, has described a border treaty recently signed by the country's government with Romania as "illegal and unconstitutional". The move heightened the political atmosphere ahead of early parliamentary elections on 28 November. EurActiv Romania reports.

### VIII. ROMANIA

1. **Romania hopes to join Schengen zone despite Roma issue**
   - 03.11.2010, EUbusiness
   (BRDO PRI KRANJU) - Romania is confident it will join the visa-free Schengen area in 2011, despite concerns in some EU states over the free movement of Roma, President Traian Basescu said here Wednesday.

2. **Romania to fight over EU budget rules, pensions**
   - 02.11.2010, EurActive
   Romanian President Traian Basescu said he was "not happy" with a decision by EU leaders last week to exclude the cost of pension reform programmes from public debt and deficit figures, saying he will fight for a "fair decision".

### IX. RUSSIA

1. **Further increase in Russian gas extraction tax possible says finance minister**
Russia could possibly increase its gas mineral extraction tax (MET), whilst potential for boosting oil MET is exhausted, Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin said on Friday. In July 2010, Kudrin said he was looking to raise the oil and gas extraction tax to 0.5 percent of GDP, which would amount to $6 billion, to plug the country's 5.9 percent budget deficit.

Moscow activists detained during construction protest

MOSCOW -- Five activists have been detained in an elite Moscow district while protesting the construction of new buildings with underground parking lots, RFE/RL's Russian Service reports.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrived in Azerbaijan today to attend a summit of Caspian countries, the AzerTaj state news agency reported.

Russia's next generation Glonass-K2 navigation satellite will be launched in 2013, Russia's Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos, said on Tuesday.

Some 200 people protested in Moscow on November 14 against attacks on journalists. The demonstrators marked the 2008 attack on Mikhail Beketov which left him in a coma for months and led to the amputation of a leg and fingers.

A leading Russian journalist has been severely injured in a brutal attack that his editor believes was linked to his work. President Dmitry Medvedev has called for a thorough investigation into the beating of 30-year-old Oleg Kashin, who remains hospitalized in a coma.

OECD foresees higher growth rate than Turkish government

X. TURKEY

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1. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD, forecast Thursday that Turkey would grow by 8.2 percent in 2010, 5.3 percent in 2011 and 5.4 percent in 2012.

2. The government’s initiative to address the concerns of Turkey’s Alevi community has failed to address the group’s problems and is directed only at assimilation, according to the Alevi head of a labor union.

3. Turkey’s ruling and opposition parties should work together to redraft the country’s Constitution to ensure it becomes a tool for unification rather than division, according to a senior official of the Venice Commission.

XI. TURKEY – ARMENIA

1. Armenia has not renewed negotiations with Turkey, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian stated. As he noted at parliamentary sitting, ‘to prove the sincerity of its intention to normalize ties with Armenia, Turkey must ratify and fulfill the Protocols without preconditions’...

XII. UKRAINE

1. The Ukraine Constitutional Court on Friday approved the holding of parliamentary elections in 2012, instead of in 2011, giving a boost to President Viktor Yanukovych, who has criticized the division of power between parliament and the president.

2. Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry has expressed surprise at statements made by member of the European Parliament Elmar Brok regarding the political situation in Ukraine and the country’s prospects for...
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<td>On 16 November, in Kyiv and many other Ukrainian cities, protests took place on a scale not seen since 2004. In Kyiv more than thirty thousand people from throughout Ukraine protested in front of Parliament; in Khmielnitski there were around 10,000, and in at least six other cities the numbers of protesters reached several thousand. Representatives of small and medium businesses were protesting against a draft tax code being considered by parliament.</td>
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<td>Several thousand Ukrainian market traders and other small business owners surrounded the ex-Soviet nation's parliament on Tuesday in a demonstration against a proposed tax code they say will damage their livelihood.</td>
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<td>The Ukrainian cabinet is to prolong until July 1, 2011 the grain export quotas it originally imposed until late 2010, according to Ukrainian Agriculture Minister Mykola Prysiazhniuk. &quot;The balance sheets will be calculated in December, and a decision will be made that the quotas will be prolonged - this is certain,&quot; he said at a press conference in Kyiv on Tuesday.</td>
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Organization’s (BSEC) Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) by Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmud Mammadguliyev, Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman Elkhan Polukhov told Trend today.

3. Georgian Employers Association organizes business forum in Greece
18.11.2010, TREND
READ MORE: http://en.trend.az/capital/business/1783528.html

The Georgian Employers Association will hold a business forum on Nov. 18-21 in Thessaloniki, Greece in cooperation with the U.N. According to the association, the first-ever Black Sea partnership forum is designed for tour operators and travel agencies.

**XIV. ENERGY**

1. Russia and Ukraine press ahead on gas link-up, leave out European Union
18.11.2010, EU observer
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/9/31298

EUOBSERVER / BRUSSELS - On the eve of an EU-Ukraine summit, Russian firm Gazprom has announced that it will form a joint venture with Ukraine's Naftogaz that is to pointedly exclude an EU presence.

2. Russia and Bulgaria are establishing a company to build the South Stream gas pipeline
17.11.2010, OSW

Representatives of Russia's Gazprom and the Bulgarian Energy Holding (BEH) in the presence of the two countries' prime ministers, Vladimir Putin and Boyko Borisov, signed agreements on 13 November in Sofia which will establish a company to implement the Bulgarian section of South Stream. The agreements do not mean that the pipeline will be implemented but they are a sign of improving the so far strained relations between Sofia and Moscow.

3. EU wants changes to South Stream deal
16.10.2010, UPI

BRUSSELS, Nov. 16 (UPI) -- An agreement between Russia and Bulgaria on the South Stream natural gas pipeline doesn’t meet European standards, an energy official said.

4. Bulgarian puppy seals gas deal with Russian PM Putin
15.11.2010, BBC
READ MORE: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11756359

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has been presented with a puppy during a trip to Bulgaria to sign a gas deal. During his visit, the two countries agreed to speed up the construction of a 2,200 mile (3,600km) pipeline to carry Russian gas to Europe.

5. South Stream venture for Bulgaria pending
15.11.2010, UPI
**SOFIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 15 (UPI) --** The formal registration for a joint Bulgarian-Russian venture for the South Stream natural gas pipeline is scheduled for the end of November, Gazprom said.

### Nabucco delayed by 'politics,' RWE says

05.11.2010, UPI


BRUSSELS, Nov. 5 (UPI) -- The battle of the pipelines is in full swing as an official of a German utility involved in the Nabucco pipeline project said only political maneuvering has delayed the construction of the EU-backed pipeline.

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**XV. ENVIRONMENT**

### Hungary's toxic sludge reaches Ukraine

12.11.2010, UPI


KIEV, Ukraine, Nov. 12 (UPI) -- Water contaminants from a toxic discharge from an aluminum plant in Hungary have reached Ukrainian waters, scientists discovered.

### Crimean peninsula toward green future

05.11.2010, UPI


KIEV, Ukraine, Nov. 5 (UPI) -- The autonomous republic of Crimea aims to add more than 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity to its grid, the republic's energy minister said.

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**XVI. EUROPEAN UNION**

### Hungarian Presidency eyes Schengen and EU enlargement

16.11.2010, EurActive


Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the Schengen area and Croatia membership of the European Union are among the top priorities of the incoming Hungarian EU Presidency, government officials told EurActiv in Budapest ahead of the executive's official visit to the European Commission on Wednesday (17 November).

### France wants to delay Schengen accession for Bulgaria and Romania

11.11.2010, EU observer

READ MORE: [http://euobserver.com/9/31246](http://euobserver.com/9/31246)

EUOBSERVER / BRUSSELS – France wants to delay a decision on allowing Romania and Bulgaria to join Europe's border-free Schengen zone at least until summer 2011 and is pressing for more results in the fight against corruption and a better surveillance of the border with Moldova.
### XVII. PROTRACTED CONFLICTS

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   **STEPANAKERT -- A senior Karabakh Armenian official says five Azerbaijani mosques and other Islamic sites located in and around the breakaway Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh have been repaired in recent years as part of a government effort to preserve the region's Islamic heritage, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.**

2. **U.S. State Department spokesman: NATO's Lisbon summit to discuss Abkhazia and South Ossetia**
   
   19.11.2010, TREND
   
   **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/news/politics/1783998.html
   
   **The issue on Abkhazia and South Ossetia will be the topic of negotiations with Russia, Georgia and European partners within the NATO's Lisbon summit, the U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said answering the question of Georgia's television company "Rustavi 2".**

3. **Medvedev pledges to assist normalization of relations between Armenia, Azerbaijan**
   
   18.11.2010, Panarmenian.net
   
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   **PanARMENIAN.Net - Russia will assist normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, Russian President said.**

4. **Azerbaijani diplomat: U.S. does not make enough efforts to resolve Nagorno-Karabakh conflict**
   
   18.11.2010, TREND
   
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   **The United States has not made sufficient efforts to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Azerbaijan's Consul General in Los Angeles Elin Suleymanov said.**

5. **Sarkisian warns Azerbaijan about use of force in Karabakh**
   
   18.11.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty
   
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   http://www.rferl.org/content/Sarkisian_Warns_Azerbaijan_About_Use_Of_Force_In_Karabakh/2221262.html
   
   **STEPANAKERT -- Armenian President Serzh Sarkisian has said Azerbaijan will be dealt a "devastating" blow if it uses force to try to resolve the conflict over the breakaway Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.**

6. **Medvedev, Aliyev to discuss Karabakh conflict**
   
   17.11.2010, Panarmenian.net
   
   **READ MORE:** http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/56938/
   
   **PanARMENIAN.Net - Within the framework of November 18 visit to Baku, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev will discuss Karabakh conflict and transportation of energy carriers from Caspian Sea region with his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev.**
7. Georgia protests against tourist visits to Abkhazia
16.11.2010, TREND
Georgia has called for restraining tourist visits to the occupied territories and "particularly Abkhazia," Georgian Tourism and Resorts Department Deputy Chairman Beka Jakeli said after arriving home from Athens where he took part in a Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) meeting.

8. More Armenian, Azerbaijani bodies exchanged
09.11.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/More_Armenian_Azerbaijani_Bodies_Exchanged_/2214686.html
STEPANAKERT -- Military officials in the breakaway Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh have handed over the bodies of two Azerbaijani soldiers and received an ethnic Armenian corpse in an exchange agreed to by the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents last month, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.

XVIII. REGIONAL COOPERATION
1. OSCE media freedom representative calls on South Caucasus states to fully implement access to information laws
12.11.2010, OSCE Press Release
READ MORE: http://www.osce.org/item/47625.html
TBILISI, 12 November 2010 - The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatovic, today called on the authorities of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to respect the right of people's access to government-held information by implementing their countries' laws in this field.

XIX. SECURITY
1. Russia and NATO ready to discuss events in Georgia in August 2008
21.11.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/57088/
PanARMENIAN.Net - Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said that despite disagreements with respect to estimation of the August 2008 situation in Georgia, Russia and NATO are ready to discuss the problem.

2. NATO appoints new envoy in South Caucasus (UPDATE)
19.11.2010, TREND
Robert Simmons will end his activity as NATO's special envoy in Central Asia and the Caucasus by early December, the NATO Press Office told Trend. Simmons has held the post for the past seven years. He will be replaced by current NATO spokesman James Appathurai.

3. Rasmussen optimistic about Russia-NATO ties
19.11.2010, Ria Novosti
READ MORE: http://en.rian.ru/analysis/20101119/161406198.html
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is attending the summit of the Russia-NATO Council on
November 20 for the first time since the August 2008 war between Russia and Georgia, which soured Russia’s relations with the alliance.

4.

Georgia hopes NATO to reiterate its Bucharest decision

16.11.2011, Civil.Ge

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Georgia hopes that NATO leaders’ summit in Lisbon on November 19-20 will reiterate its decision taken in 2008 in Bucharest that Georgia will one day join the alliance, the Georgian President’s spokesperson said on November 16.

5.

Georgia: Tbilisi to Trumpet Security Successes at NATO, OSCE Summits

10.11.2010, Eurasianet.org

[READ MORE: http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62355]

Officials in Georgia have made news lately by breaking up an alleged Russian spy ring and intercepting a weapons-grade uranium trafficking operation. But these two successes in 2010 seem unlikely to revive Tbilisi’s chances of getting back on the fast-track toward membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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