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**ALBANIA**

1. Albania: A success story in the fight against corruption
   31.10.2010, New Europe
   READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103506.php
   The eight-place climb in the Transparency International public perception of corruption index by Albania is no fluke and comes as the realisation that Albania is taking positive strides towards their European destiny.

2. Priority in Albania UN Programme 2012-2016 is IT
   31.10.2010, New Europe
   READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103584.php
   Zineb Benjelloun-Touimi was recently appointed as Resident Coordinator and United Nations Resident Representative Development Programme United Nations in Albania, AENews reported.

**ARMENIA**

1. Armenian opposition lawsuit against government thrown out
   03.11.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty
   READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Armenian_Opposition_Lawsuit_Against_Government_Thrown_Out/2209230.html
   YEREVAN -- A Yerevan court has thrown out a lawsuit claiming that the Armenian authorities' crackdown on opposition leader Levon Ter-Petrosian's 2008 postelection demonstrations violated laws and the constitution, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.

2. RA President visits repaired checkpoint at Armenian-Georgian border
   03.11.2010, Panarmenian.net
   READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/economy/news/56221/
   PanARMENIAN.Net - Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan has visited the repaired Ayrum-Jiliza checkpoint at the Armenian-Georgian border.

3. Armenian President's office denies Biden comment on genocide recognition
   29.10.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty
   READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Armenian_Presidents_Office_Denies_Biden_Comment_On_Genocide_Recognition_/2203983.html
   YEREVAN -- A spokesman for Armenian President Serzh Sarkisian has denied that Sarkisian asked U.S. Vice President Joe Biden not to "force" the issue of Armenian genocide while negotiations on the normalization of Turkish-Armenian relations were in progress, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.
Kiro Manoyan: withdrawal of signature from Protocols in Armenia’s interests
29.10.2010, Panarmanian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/politics/news/55995/
PanARMENIAN.Net - The U.S. shows interest in Armenia-Turkey rapprochement to prevent Armenia from withdrawing its signature from Protocols, ARF Dashnaksutyun Hay Dat and Political Affairs Office Director Kiro Manoyan said.

III. AzerBAIJAN
1. EU’s Eastern initiative ‘not adequate’ for Azerbaijan
03.10.2010, Euractive
Araz Azimov, deputy foreign minister of Azerbaijan, said yesterday (2 November) that the Eastern Partnership, the EU’s initiative for developing relations with its Eastern neighbours, was not adequate to address geopolitical challenges in the Caucasus.

2. Baku hosts fourth meeting of working group on coast guard
27.10.2010, TREND
Baku hosts the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Coast Guard of the International Conference on Border Issues. The meeting will last two days. Experts of border services from eight countries (Azerbaijan, U.S, Germany, Finland, Georgia, Netherlands, Russia, Turkey), as well as the EU border security agency FRONTEX attend the meeting, the State Border Service told Trend.

3. Azerbaijani President: Azerbaijani-Ukrainian bilateral relations develop very successfully and dynamically
27.10.2010, TREND
Bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine are developing very successfully and rapidly. There is a very high level of political cooperation, President Aliyev said in an interview with the Ukrainian mass media on the eve of his official visit to Ukraine.

IV. BULGARIA
1. Bulgaria needs investments in green energy
24.10.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103409.php
Bulgaria will need to invest €3 billion to €4 billion in renewable energy capacity to achieve its target of 16% clean power in the country’s energy mix by 2020, Dnevnik quoted Kenneth Lefkowitz, chairman of the Bulgarian Wind Energy Association, as saying.
Georgia and Iran signed an agreement Wednesday for visa-free travel between the two countries during Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki’s visit to Tbilisi.

Ukrainian Defense Minister visits Georgia

Ukrainian Defense Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, started two-day official visit to Georgia on November 3, the Ukrainian MoD reported. During the visit Yezhel will meet his Georgian counterpart, Bacho Akhalaia, to discuss bilateral military cooperation, according to the Ukrainian MoD.

Foreign Ministry: Greece ready to assist Georgia in European and Euro-Atlantic Integration process

Greece is ready to assist Georgia in the European and Euro-Atlantic Integration process. It was said during the Georgian-Greek political consultations held in Tbilisi, the Georgian Foreign Ministry told Trend.

Council of Europe positively assesses local elections in Georgia

The municipal elections and the direct election for Tbilisi mayor held in Georgia is obvious progress in terms of approximation to the European standards, a special report of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe says.

Georgian Minister to discuss construction of Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railroad in Turkey

PanARMENIAN.Net - Georgian Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure Ramaz Nikolaishvili is on an official visit to Turkey. As part of his visit, Nikolaishvili will meet with the Turkish Minister of Regional Development and State Minister for Foreign Trade, GHN reported.

MEPs to vote on visa easing, readmission treaties with Georgia in November

EU-Georgia visa facilitation and readmission treaties will be put to the vote at the plenary session of the European Parliament in November. Meanwhile, the treaties were endorsed by the European Parliament’s Civil Liberties Committee on October 26, according to the European Parliament’s press service.

Georgia to make media ownership ‘Fully Transparent’

The Parliament will develop within next two weeks a draft law, which will make media ownership fully transparent, Davit Bakradze, the Georgian parliamentary chairman, said on October 26.
9.

**Luxembourg hosts FMs' meeting in format of "Friends of Georgia"**

25.10.2010, TRENDRD


A meeting in the format of a New Group of "Friends of Georgia" (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Sweden, Poland, Czech, Bulgaria and Romania) was held in Luxembourg today upon the Czech side's initiative. Georgian Foreign Minister Grigol Vashadze take part in the meeting held among these countries foreign ministers, the Georgian Foreign Ministry reported.

### VI. GEORGIA – RUSSIA

1. **Reports: Georgia arrests 20 alleged Russian spies**

29.10.2010, Civil.Ge


Reuters reported on Friday evening, citing unnamed Georgian security sources, that 20 people have been arrested on suspicion of spying for Russia.

2. **Tbilisi firm on Russia WTO entry terms**

27.10.2010, Civil.Ge


Georgia will not back down from its position over Russia's WTO entry terms, President Saakashvili said in an interview with Reuters on October 27.

3. **Mikheil Saakashvili: Georgia is ready to negotiate with Russia**

27.10.2010, Panarmanian.net


PanARMENIAN.Net - Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili said that he is ready to negotiate with Russia."It is necessary to start talking. And we have stated this always, though Russia is an occupant and invader and has expelled many people of different nations from their houses. Meanwhile, Russia states that it has come to protect them," said Saakashvili.

### VII. GREECE

1. **Greece suspends foreign airmail service after attacks**

03.10.2010, BBC News


Greece has suspended international airmail for 48 hours after more than 10 suspicious packages were sent to targets in Greece and across Europe.

2. **Greek parcel bombs sent to EU institutions**

03.11.2010, EU Observer

**READ MORE: [http://euobserver.com/9/31183](http://euobserver.com/9/31183)**

EUOBSERVER / BRUSSELS – Two of the dozen mail bomb packages detonated in Greece and addressed to European leaders and embassies abroad were headed to Europol and the European Court of Justice, Greek police have said.

3. **One person hurt in Greek parcel bomb blast**
4. Migrants stream into Greece ahead of EU deployment

31.10.2010, Kyiv Post

ORESTIADA, Greece (AP) — Two days before European Union border agency Frontex is to deploy its first ever rapid intervention teams to help Greece with an illegal immigration crisis, migrants are still streaming across the country’s northeastern border with Turkey.

5. Angela Merkel struggles to win support for EU bailout rules at Brussels summit

29.10.2010, The Guardian

Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, was struggling last night to win widespread support across Europe for a major revision of EU law to underpin the multibillion pound bailout of Greece.

6. EU to reinforce Greek border

27.10.2010, Wall Street Journal

The European Union agreed to send a rapid-response border force to help Greece patrol its land frontier with Turkey, as local Greek law enforcement has been overwhelmed by an influx of thousands of illegal immigrants entering the 27-nation bloc.

7. Greece most corrupt country in the EU, watchdog says

26.10.2010, EU observer

EUOBSERVER / BRUSSELS – Greece is perceived as EU’s most corrupt state, falling behind usual suspects Bulgaria and Romania and scoring the same as China, an annual corruption index published by Transparency International shows.

VIII. MOLDOVA

1. European Parliament deputy praises Moldovan Government

03.11.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty

STRASBOURG, France -- An influential member of the European Parliament has expressed support for Moldova’s ruling coalition ahead of upcoming parliamentary elections, RFE/RL's Moldovan Service reports.
2. EU satisfied by intensified relationship with Moldova  
29.10.2010, Daily News  
Speaking at a talk entitled "EU-Moldova Relations," the head of the European Union Delegation to Moldova, Dirk Schuebel, explained how the relationship between Moldova and the EU has been gaining in strength over the past year, Moldova Azi reported Thursday.

3. EU hails Moldova progress and urges visa liberalization  
24.10.2010, New Europe  
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103433.php  
The European Parliament has welcomed the latest moves by Moldova to improve relations with the EU and the country’s willingness to seek a solution to the Transnistrian issue.

IX. ROMANIA

1. Romania hopes to join Schengen zone despite Roma issue  
03.11.2010, EUbusiness  
READ MORE: http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/romania-visa-roma.6so  
(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".

3. Romania gets IMF, EU conditional green light on aid  
01.11.2010, EU Business  
READ MORE: http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/romania-economy-imf.6ry  
(BUCHAREST) - The International Monetary Fund and the European Union gave conditional backing on Monday to new disbursements from a crucial lifeline to crisis-hit Romania, urging that austerity measures be implemented.

4. Romania’s Government Faces No-Confidence Vote  
27.10.2010, Wall Street Journal  
READ MORE: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB100014240527023041737045755775750516503566.html?mod=rss_europe_whats_news  
BUCHAREST—Romania’s Parliament began debating a motion of no-confidence against the country’s government on Wednesday as about 30,000 people gathered to protest wage cuts and austerity measures.
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http://www.rferl.org/content/Russia_Rejects_Japan_Warning_On_Disputed_Islands/2210160.html  
Russia has rejected a warning from Japan that Russian leaders should make no further visits to disputed North Pacific islands that are claimed by both Moscow and Tokyo. |
| **2.** Viktor Chernomyrdin, former Russian Prime Minister, dead at 72  
03.11.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty  
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http://www.rferl.org/content/Viktor_Chernomyrdin_Former_Russian_Prime_Minister_Dead_At_72/2209186.html  
Former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin has died. He was 72. Russian media reports gave no cause of death but said Chernomyrdin suffered from a chronic illness and passed away at home in Moscow. |
| **3.** Khodorkovsky says Russia's fate hangs on verdict  
02.11.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty  
READ MORE:  
http://www.rferl.org/content/Khodorkovsky_Verdict_To_Be_Delivered_On_December_15/2208257.html  
MOSCOW -- In an impassioned speech, jailed oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky told a packed Moscow courtroom that Russia's fate depends on the verdict in his trial. In his final statement before an expected verdict on December 15, Khodorkovsky said he was prepared to die in prison rather than admit that he was guilty. |
| **4.** Japan to withdraw ambassador from Moscow over Island dispute  
02.11.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty  
READ MORE:  
http://www.rferl.org/content/Japanese_Russian_Leaders_Still_Expected_To_Meet_Despite_Island_Row/2207976.html  
Japan said today that it is temporarily recalling its ambassador to Moscow a day after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visited a disputed group of islands that are claimed by both countries. |
| **5.** Pacific storm: Russia-Japan tension rises over Medvedev's visit to Kuril Islands  
01.11.2010, RT Top Stories  
READ MORE:  
President Dmitry Medvedev is now the first Russian leader to visit the Southern Kuril Islands in the Far East. His trip sparked an outcry in Japan, with the country's prime minister describing the visit as 'regrettable'. |
| **6.** Putin talks trade, economy in Kiev  
31.10.2010, New Europe  
READ MORE:  
http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103592.php  
Russia and Ukraine agreed on the modernization of the entire range of trade and economic ties between the two countries, as Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin praised Ukraine’s leadership. |
7. Russia successfully tests ballistic missiles
   29.10.2010, RT Top Stories
   The Russian Navy and Army have performed four successful tests of different ballistic missiles, including the new SLBM Bulava missile, in just over a day.

8. Khodorkovsky begins defense in final arguments in fraud trial
   27.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty
   READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Khodorkovsky_Defense_Final_Arguments_Fraud_Trial/2202772.html
   Russia's former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky has begun delivering his final arguments in his second trial, urging the court to reject a 14-year sentence sought by prosecutors for alleged fraud and embezzlement.

9. Russia plans to update Black Sea Fleet, report says
   26.10.2010, Today's Zaman
   READ MORE: http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/detaylar.do?load=detay&link=225421
   Russia plans to upgrade its Black Sea Fleet with 18 new vessels over the next decade after a deal with Ukraine to extend the lease on the fleet’s base, a navy source was quoted by Interfax as saying on Monday.

XI. TURKEY

1. Davutoğlu: Not only option, but main option is EU
   04.11.2010, Today's Zaman
   Whether Turkey will turn its face east and abandons its European Union membership bid was again an issue of debate when Turkey's foreign minister had a meeting on Wednesday in İstanbul with the representatives of the Greens in European Parliament.

2. Turkish police identify Istanbul bomber as PKK member
   03.11.2010, TREND
   READ MORE: http://en.trend.az/regions/met/turkey/1776459.html
   Police officials have identified the bomber who blew himself up Sunday in Istanbul's downtown Taksim Square as being a member of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), Turkish media reported Wednesday, DPA reported.

3. No 'overnight solution' to Aegean dispute, Turkish FM says
   01.11. 2010, Daily News
   The course of exploratory talks between Turkey and Greece on finding a solution to the Aegean dispute has been encouraging but no one should expect a swift solution, according to Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu.

4. 32 injured in apparent suicide bombing in Turkey
Istanbul, Turkey (CNN) -- At least 32 people were wounded, five seriously, in an apparent suicide bombing in the center of Istanbul on Sunday, police said. Those injured in the attack in Taksim Square included 15 police officers and 17 civilians, said Istanbul Gov. Huseyin Azni Mutlu. The five people in serious condition were all police officers, he said.

Turkey welcomes deal between Azerbaijan, Armenia in Russia

PanARMENIAN.Net - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Sunday, "we welcome that Azerbaijani and Armenian leaders agreed on several humanitarian issues during a summit hosted by Russian President Medvedev."

Davutoğlu: Turkey an owner, not partner of NATO

Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu has firmly ruled out debates and arguments positioning Turkey as a party that needs to be persuaded by the NATO alliance on certain issues, such as a planned NATO missile defense system, stating that Turkey is a not a partner of the alliance, but an owner of it.

Official rites mark Turkey's 87th Republic Day

The 87th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic was celebrated across the country Friday, with President Abdullah Gül leading the first ceremony, which took place at the Atatürk Mausoleum in Ankara.

XII. TURKEY – ARMENIA

Turks asked to leave Armenia over border crossing claim

YEREVAN -- Two Turkish party leaders have been asked to leave Armenia after being questioned by National Security Service officials about their claims to have crossed the closed Armenian-Turkish border earlier this month, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.

Armenian Foreign Ministry advises Turkish political forces supporting normalization of ties to address their own government
PanARMENIAN.Net - The head of Armenian Foreign Ministry's frontier states department Karen Mirzoyan commented on the refusal of Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian to meet with representatives of Powerful Turkey Party, currently in Yerevan.

3.
Treasured history of Turkish music housed in Yerevan library
27.10.2010, Daily News

A part of the Armenian Music and Science Library in Yerevan, home to the some of the world's most priceless musical notes, documents, manuscripts and gramophone recordings, is dedicated to maintaining a Turkish and Azeri music archive. Museum director Gulo Nahadakyan has called on Turkey to help maintain the archive. 'The language of music is universal. We want to meet with you in the universal denominator,' she says

XIII. UKRAINE
1.
Ukraine vote will test commitment to democracy
01,11,2010, European Dialogue
READ MORE: http://eurodialogue.org/Ukraine-Vote-Will-Test-Commitment-to-Democracy

Ukrainians vote Sunday in local elections that are viewed as a test of President Viktor Yanukovych's commitment to democracy. Already, his critics are crying foul.

2.
[Comment] strange bedfellows - EU Socialists and Yanukovych
29.10. 2010, EU Observer
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/9/31158

EUOBSERVER / COMMENT - The Socialist group in the European Parliament has signed a new cooperation agreement with the Party of Regions in Ukraine that looks as if its sole purpose is to derail criticism of Ukraine's new leader in Brussels. October was an unusual month for the European Parliament's relationship with Ukraine.

3.
Yanukovych, Medvedev to meet in Moscow on Nov. 26
28.10.2010, Kyiv Post

President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev will meet in Moscow within a meeting of the Ukrainian-Russian intergovernmental commission on Nov. 26, Minister Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in Ukraine Vsevolod Loskutov has reported.

4.
Europe will awake to a dictatorship on its doorstep
27.10.2010, Kyiv Post

Local elections rarely arouse international interest. But in Ukraine this weekend, the Oct. 31 vote warrants close scrutiny as there is mounting evidence to suggest that they will be neither free nor fair. For Europe this situation is dangerous.

5.
Kyiv, Moscow agree to expand cooperation in tourism, education
27.10.2010, Kyiv Post
Ukraine and Russia have agreed to expand cooperation in tourism and education, as well as to recognize each other's education certificates and degrees.

6. Action plan for visa-free travel to be adopted at Ukraine-European Union summit  
26.10.2010, Kyiv Post  
**READ MORE:** http://www.kyivpost.com/news/nation/detail/87635/  
Brussels, Oct. 26 (Interfax-Ukraine) – The action plan on the introduction of visa-free travel between Ukraine and the European Union member-states will be adopted at the Ukraine-EU summit scheduled for Nov. 22.

7. High Representative for Foreign Affairs Ashton to visit Ukraine  
26.10.2010, Kyiv Post  
**READ MORE:** http://www.kyivpost.com/news/nation/detail/87587/  
Brussels, Oct. 26 (Interfax-Ukraine) - High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton is planning to visit Ukraine, Ashton said at a meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Kostiantyn Hryshchenko in Brussels on Tuesday.

8. Prosecutor does not probe Yuschenko involvement in arms deliveries to Georgia  
26.10.2010, Kyiv Post  
**READ MORE:** http://www.kyivpost.com/news/nation/detail/87581/  
The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine hasn't launched any criminal proceedings into the involvement of ex-President of Ukraine Viktor Yuschenko in the case of the Ukrainian ammunition sales to Georgia, Ukrainian Prosecutor General Oleksandr Medvedko has said.

**XIV. BLACK SEA REGION**

1. Turkey expressing determination in further cooperation with BSEC countries  
03.11.2010, Today’s Zaman  
**READ MORE:** http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/detaylar.do?load=detay&link=226208  
Turkey’s Deputy Prime Minister Bülent Arınç said on Wednesday that Turkey was determined to increase the level of cooperation with members of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) which he said would help the region prosper.

2. Ukraine assumed BSEC PA chairmanship  
03.10.2010, Panarmenian.net  
**READ MORE:** http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/56246/  
PanARMENIAN.Net - Ukraine has assumed chairmanship of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PA).

3. Russian Black Sea Fleet not to pass Mine Wall and other moorings to Ukraine  
27.10.2010, Kyiv Post  
**READ MORE:** http://www.kyivpost.com/news/nation/detail/87666/  
The Russian Black Sea Fleet is not considering transferring the Mine Wall and other moorings to Sevastopol Port, an informed source from the Black Sea Fleet headquarters told Interfax-MNA on October 22.
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**XV. ENERGY**

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<td>Greece’s Environment, Energy and Climate Change Minister Tina Birbili met with shareholders from the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) on 27 October. The representatives of the consortium briefed the minister on the progress of the planned pipeline, which aims transport gas from the Caspian Sea to Italy via Greece and Albania, the ministry said in a press release.</td>
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5. Russia, Ukraine to sign oil transit agreement within month
27.10.2010, Ria Novosti
Romania hosted an international conference on Azerbaijan's role in energy security of Europe. The event was held in Bucharest with the organizational support of the State Committee for Diaspora of Azerbaijan and the Romanian-Azerbaijani Association of Culture and Youth, the Azerbaijani Embassy in Romania reported.

6. Gas deals with Russia no longer comply with Ukraine's legislation says PM
27.10.2010, Ria Novosti
READ MORE: http://en.rian.ru/business/20101027/161102269.htm
The gas deals signed with Russia by the previous Ukrainian government are not compliant with the country's current legislation, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said on Wednesday.

7. Romania hosts international conference on Azerbaijan's role in Europe's energy security
27.10.2010, TREND
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8. Greek-Russian energy cooperation
26.10.2010, Greek News Agenda
READ MORE: http://www.greeknewsagenda.gr/2010/10/greek-russian-energy-cooperation.html
Environment, Energy and Climate Change minister Tina Birbili is in Moscow to participate at the 5th International Energy Week which opened on October 25 and will run through to 27.

9. Nabucco pipeline dead, Moscow says
25.10.2010, UPI
MOSCOW, Oct. 25 (UPI) -- Gas reserved for Russia's planned South Stream pipeline makes the European-backed Nabucco project redundant and unnecessary, a Russian energy minister said.

XVI. ENVIRONMENT
1. Environmental experts from Moldova visit Armenia to learn about environmental information centres with OSCE support
27.10.2010, OSCE press releases and media advisories
READ MORE: http://www.osce.org/item/47374.html
YEREVAN, 27 October 2010 - Environmental experts from Moldova learned about Armenia's experiences in establishing and operating Aarhus public environmental information centres during an OSCE-supported study trip to Armenia that ended today.

2. Russian environmentalists rally for endangered forests, lake Baikal
IRKUTSK, Russia -- Environmentalists in the southeastern Russian city of Irkutsk plan to hold a demonstration on November 6 to support efforts to preserve the Khimki Forest near Moscow, the Utrish Forest on Russia's Black Sea coast, and Lake Baikal, RFE/RL's Russian Service reports.

"Turkish businesses not fully aware of effects of climate change"

A new study has found that most big Turkish companies are not fully aware of the consequences of climate change on their businesses, as their response rate remained low in the first year of the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) in Turkey.

EU to preserve unique habitats, flora and fauna in the first transboundary protected area in south-east Europe

The European Commission has proposed that the EU ratify an agreement to protect the sustainable development of the Prespa Park area in south-east Europe. The agreement was negotiated by the European Commission, Greece, Albania and FYROM.

XVII. PROTRACTED CONFLICTS

1. Armenia and Azerbaijan: breathing life into Karabakh Peace Talks?

An unexpected joint statement issued by the presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia could reinvigorate the Nagorno-Karabakh peace process. The statement came after talks held by Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev, and Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev on October 27 in the Russian city of Astrakhan, near the Caspian Sea. “The settlement of the [Karabakh] conflict through political and diplomatic means requires further efforts on strengthening the ceasefire regime and confidence-building measures,” the statement declared.

2. Defense Ministry: Azerbaijani serviceman killed, another injured by Armenian side in frontline (UPDATE)

An Azerbaijani serviceman was killed and another wounded as a result of breach of the ceasefire by Armenian side. A 19-year-old Azerbaijani serviceman, private soldier Telman Mustafayev was killed on Oct. 28 as a result of breach of the ceasefire by Armenian armed forces on the frontline of Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in the direction of Gazakh region of Azerbaijan, Teymur Abdullayev, spokesman for the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry, told Trend today.

3. Baku says its soldier killed near Karabakh as Yerevan denies truce violation
### 4. Abkhaz-Russian Commission on Property Disputes launched

**29.10.2010, Civil.Ge**

Abkhaz leader, Sergey Bagapsh, said on October 29, that “provocative articles” in the Russian press amounted to a pressure on Abkhazia to resolve property-related disputes. Such approach “will not promote the resolving of the problem,” Abkhaz news agency, Apsnipress, reported quoting Bagapsh.

### 5. Tbilisi, Tskhinvali resume IPRM Meetings

**29.10.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty**

Officials from Tbilisi and Tskhinvali, as well as representatives of the Russian armed forces in breakaway South Ossetia resumed on October 28 series of meetings in frames of Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) to address routine security concerns and developments on the ground.

### 6. Azerbaijani Presidential Administration official: Armenia must reconsider its position on resolving Nagorno-Karabakh conflict before OSCE summit in Astana

**29.10.2010, TREND**

Armenia must reconsider its position on settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict before the OSCE summit in Astana, Novruz Mammadov, the head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Azerbaijani Presidential Administration, said.

### 7. Armenian parliament delays Karabakh vote

**29.10.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty**

YEREVAN -- An opposition faction in the Armenian parliament has postponed a vote on controversial legislation obliging Yerevan to formally recognize the independence of Azerbaijan's breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region, RFE/RL’s Armenian Service reports.

### 8. Ambassador: Turkey hopes OSCE summit in Astana to achieve progress on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

**29.10.2010, TREND**

The Turkish Ambassador to Azerbaijan, Hulusi Kilic, hopes that some progress will be achieved on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict at the upcoming OSCE summit in Astana scheduled for December.

### 9. Medvedev hopes for basics of Karabakh deal by December
### 29.10.2010, Today's Zaman

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on Wednesday he hoped Azerbaijan and Armenia could agree on the principles of a long-awaited peace deal for the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh by early December.

### 10.
**Challenging Russia to fix a frozen feud**
27.10.2010, New York Times

Angela Merkel has asked the president of Russia to help resolve the long-running secessionist conflict in Transnistria, which is part of Moldova.

### 11.
**Armenia, Azerbaijan exchange accusations over killed soldier**
27.10.2010, Ria Novosti
**READ MORE:** [http://en.rian.ru/world/20101027/161104803.html](http://en.rian.ru/world/20101027/161104803.html)

A Nagorny Karabakh soldier was killed in an apparent exchange of fire with Azerbaijani servicemen on Tuesday, the Defense Ministry of the unrecognized republic of Nagorny Karabakh said.

### 12.
**EU Special Representative: Abkhazia, South Ossetia are part of Georgia**
27.10.2010, TREND

The EU Special Representative in Georgia Per Eklund commented on a new "Great Universal Atlas of the World" published by one of the largest Russian publications. "Everyone knows the EU's strict approach towards Georgia's territorial integrity. Abkhazia and South Ossetia are part of Georgia. It is good that it is reflected in the Russian maps. It is welcome news," Eklund said.

### 13.
**Azerbaijan President: Azerbaijan is grateful to Ukraine for consistent and fundamental position on resolution of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict**
27.10.2010, TREND

The reason for non-resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is an unconstructive position of Armenia, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said in an interview with the Ukrainian media on the eve of his official visit to Ukraine. President Aliyev said that delaying the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict settlement is also associated with a wrong view of Yerevan, who thinks preserving the status quo is up its interests, Den newspaper reported.

### 14.
**Azerbaijani, Armenian and Russian presidents meet in Astrakhan**
27.10.2010, TREND

A trilateral meeting began between the presidents of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Russia - Ilham Aliyev, Dmitry Medvedev and Serzh Sargsyan in Astrakhan. The ways of resolving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict are discussed there.

### 15.
**Azerbaijan says time is ripe for breakthrough in Nagorno-Karabakh**
25.10.2010, Today's Zaman
Azerbaijan says the time is ripe to achieve a breakthrough in peace talks with Armenia over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh territory, urging the international community to spur the Armenian leadership to agree on the updated Madrid principles.

**16.**

**EU body welcomes Moldova progress on Transdniestr**

25.10.2010, Daily News


The European Parliament has welcomed Moldova's latest moves to improve relations with the European Union and the country's willingness to seek a solution to the Transdniestr issue ahead of national elections next month.

**17.**

**Moscow sends mixed signals on Transdniester settlement**


READ MORE: [http://www.rferl.org/content/Moscow_Sends_Mixed_Signals_On_Transdniester_Settlement/2199478.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Moscow_Sends_Mixed_Signals_On_Transdniester_Settlement/2199478.html)

Russian President Dmitri Medvedev says negotiations to resolve the frozen conflict in Moldova's breakaway Transdniester region could resume soon. The Kremlin leader also raised eyebrows by suggesting that Romania, which Moscow had previously tried to freeze out of negotiations, also has a role to play in the process. Are efforts to resolve one of Europe's most intractable conflicts about to get a fresh life?

**18.**

**Russian President to host fresh Armenian-Azerbaijani summit**

22.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

READ MORE: [http://www.rferl.org/content/Russian_President_To_Host_Fresh_ArmenianAzeri_Summit/2198670.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Russian_President_To_Host_Fresh_ArmenianAzeri_Summit/2198670.html)

YEREVAN -- The presidents of Russia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan are to meet next week for talks on resolving the long-standing dispute over the region of Nagorno-Karabakh, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports.

**XVIII. REGIONAL COOPERATION**

1.

**South Caucasus experts to discuss situation on region’s approximation with Europe**

29.10.2010, TREND


Tbilisi will host a conference on the topic "Are we approaching to Europe?" today. At the event the results of the research "Economic and social policy in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan", along with the Georgian experts will also be presented by experts from Armenia and Azerbaijan.

2.

**CIS countries adjust mechanism for customs violations prevention**

27.10.2010, Panarmanian.net


PanARMENIAN.Net - Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan participated in the 52nd session of CIS customs services officials.
### XIX. SECURITY

1. **NATO open to Ukrainian role in missile defense - Rasmussen**
   03.11.2010, Ria Novosti
   Ukraine may also take part in NATO's missile-defense program, as the invitation to join should not be limited to Russia, Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said in Moscow on Wednesday.

2. **NATO will not change Georgia policy at Lisbon summit - Rasmussen**
   03.11.2010, Ria Novosti
   The upcoming NATO summit in Lisbon will not see any change in the alliance's stance on Georgian membership, Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said in Moscow on Wednesday.

3. **Ukraine to supply S-125 Pechora surface-to-air missile systems to Azerbaijan?**
   28.10.2010, Panarmenian.net
   PanARMENIAN.Net - Ukraine’s Defense Minister Mykhailo Yezhel gave high assessment to Kyiv-Baku military and technical cooperation before the launch of Ukrainian and Azerbaijani Presidents Council.

4. **NATO Chief Sees 'New Start' With Russia**
   27.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty
   READ MORE: [http://www.rferl.org/content/NATO_Chief_Sees_Possible_Improved_Relations_With_Russia/2202340.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/NATO_Chief_Sees_Possible_Improved_Relations_With_Russia/2202340.html)
   NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen says the alliance's upcoming Lisbon summit "will represent a new start in the relationship between NATO and Russia."
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