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### I. ALBANIA

#### 1. Parliament Backs Scrapping of Visas for Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina

07.10.2010, European Parliament Press Service

**READ MORE:** http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/pressroom/content/20101006IPR85242/

Plenary sessions: MEPs gave their backing on Thursday to proposals to exempt nationals of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania from visas by the end of 2010, believing like the European Commission that these two countries meet the required conditions on document security and combating illegal immigration and crime.

#### 2. “Albania in the Digital Age”- Albania PM

03.10.2010, New Europe

**READ MORE:** http://www.neurope.eu/articles/103008.php

Albanian Premier Sali Berisha recently spoke on the economic developments in the country during the global financial crisis AENews reported. He attributes the positive performance of the economy to the economic and fiscal reforms implemented by the government of Albania during the recent five years and efforts to create a favorable climate for the businesses and investors.

#### 3. Bosnia, Albania Edge Closer to EU Visa-Free Goal


**READ MORE:**
http://www.rferl.org/content/Bosnia_Albania_Edge_Closer_To_EU_Visafree_Goal/2171091.html

An EU official has said Bosnia and Albania edged closer to visa-free travel to the European Union's Schengen area, as her report in favor of the concession was overwhelmingly approved at committee level. After the 49-2 vote with no abstentions in the parliament’s civil liberties committee, Slovenian EU lawmaker Tanja Fajon said, "We sent a very strong and positive signal today to the citizens of [Bosnia-Hercegovina] and Albania that the EU is ready to lift the visa requirements.” Bosnia and
Albania are the last nations in the western Balkans who are excluded from the privilege, apart from Kosovo, whose contested status means that it is a special case.

## II. ARMENIA

### 1. Azerbaijan Refutes Armenian Claim it Killed Captive

07.10.2010, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

[READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Azerbaijan_Refutes_Armenian_Claim_It_Killed_Captive/2183880.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Azerbaijan_Refutes_Armenian_Claim_It_Killed_Captive/2183880.html)

Armenian Foreign Minister Eduard Nalbandian has publicly accused the Azerbaijani authorities of killing an Armenian man found hanged in Azerbaijani custody. On October 5, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports. Addressing the Armenian parliament on October 6, Nalbandian described the death of 20-year-old Manvel Saribekian as "horrendous" and the result of "terrorist" and "medieval" methods.

### 2. OSCE MG Should Double Efforts to Strengthen Ceasefire

07.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


Ashot Ghulyan: We have numerous times stated that Armenian cultural heritage is threatened in the territories occupied by Azerbaijan. The Field Assessment Mission must carry out a great deal of work, especially in the lands under Azerbaijan’s control.

### 3. Armenia Planning to Retain Sustainable Economic Growth in 2011

06.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


Armenian Finance Minister Tigran Davtyan said that the country will retain sustainable economic growth in 2011.

### 4. Armenian, Azerbaijani Youth Clash in Tyumen

06.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


A conflict between Armenian and Azerbaijani youth burst out in a college in Tyumen, Russia, when one of Armenian students came to classes dressed in a T-shirt with “Our Karabakh” inscription.

### 5. Armenian, Azerbaijani Delegations Meet in Strasbourg

06.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


Armenian and Azerbaijani delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) met in Strasbourg on the initiative of PACE President Mevlut Cavusoglu.

### 6. International Structures Should Assess Appropriately Armenian Captive's Killing in Baku

05.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


We condemn the killing of Armenian captive Manvel Saribekyan in Azerbaijan. The fact that the Armenian captive was kept in subhuman conditions in Baku clearly indicates that Azerbaijan violates all international norms,” member of the Republican Party of Armenian parliamentary group Gagik...
Melikyan told a PanARMENIAN.Net reporter.

7.

**Armenian Captive Found Dead In Azerbaijan**
05.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

**READ MORE:**
http://www.rferl.org/content/Armenian_Captive_Found_Dead_In_Azerbaijan/2177432.html

An Armenian man detained in Azerbaijan last month in circumstances that remain unclear has been found dead in his prison cell, military authorities in Baku said. In a joint statement reported by local media, Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry and the Military Prosecutor's Office claimed that Manvel Saribekian, 20, hanged himself early in the morning. It said forensic experts found no traces of violence on his body. A senior Armenian official told RFE/RL's Armenian Service, however, that Saribekian was either beaten to death or "driven to suicide."

8.

**Armenia Ready to Promote Relations with Georgia**
04.10.2010, Panarmenian.net

**READ MORE:** http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/politics/news/54642/

On October 4, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan met with the Foreign Minister of Georgia Grigol Vashadze. Armenian President emphasized the importance of bilateral development, expressing readiness to further promote ties between the two countries.

9.

**Galati, Geneva and Washington Mark Armenia's Independence Day**
04.10.2010, Panarmenian.net

**READ MORE:** http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/54641/

On October 1, Galati city (Romania) hosted an exhibition dedicated to Armenia’s Independence Day. Following the exhibition, Armenia’s Ambassador to Romania Hamlet Gasparyan met with Mayor of Galati Dumitru Nicolae to discuss maintenance of Armenian spiritual and educational institutions, as well as cooperation with the Armenian embassy.

10.

**IMF Sees Slower Growth in Armenia**

**READ MORE:** http://www.rferl.org/content/IMF_Sees_Slower_Growth_In_Armenia_/2172581.html

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said it has scaled down its growth projection for Armenia by 20 percent because of a sharp fall in the country’s agricultural output, RFE/RL’s Armenian Service reports. Economic growth in Armenia had progressively accelerated from January through May on the back of rising international metal prices and remittance inflows from Armenians working abroad. As recently as June, Finance Minister Tigran Davtian forecast a full-year growth rate of 7 percent. The IMF was more cautious, saying growth will come in at around 5 percent.

11.

**Armenia to Open Embassies in Japan, Holland**

**READ MORE:**
http://www.rferl.org/content/Armenia_To_Open_Embassies_In_Japan_Holland/2168149.html

Armenia will soon open embassies in Japan and the Netherlands as it continues to increase its diplomatic presence abroad, RFE/RL’s Armenian Service reports. President Serzh Sarkisian’s office made the announcement on September 23 after signing a decree earlier in the day. He has not named the Armenian ambassadors to be based in the two countries. The new embassies will raise the number of Armenian diplomatic missions abroad to 31. Many of the diplomats heading the embassies...
also serve as ambassadors to countries that don't have permanent Armenian missions.

### III. AZERBAIJAN

1. **Azerbaijan Adopts Document on Long-Term Strategy**  
   06.10.2010, TREND  
   A document on long-term strategy for hydro-meteorological activity in the CIS countries was adopted at the 22-nd Session of the CIS Interstate Council for Hydrometeorology. It was held in the Azerbaijani town of Gabala, the ministry said.

2. **Azerbaijani Transport Ministry: No Instructions to Remove Turkish Flags from Public Transport**  
   06.10.2010, TREND  
   [READ MORE](http://en.trend.az/news/politics/foreign/1762302.html)  
   The information about withdrawal of Turkish flags from public transport is wrong, the Azerbaijani Ministry of Transport said. "Nobody gave instructions to remove Turkish flags from public transport. Now the investigation is underway to clarify the veracity of the spread information," Namig Hasanov, the Ministry of Transport spokesman, said.

3. **OSCE Observation Mission Familiarizes with Pre-election Situation in Azerbaijani Region**  
   06.10.2010, TREND  
   [READ MORE](http://en.trend.az/news/politics/elections/1762140.html)  
   The OSCE Observation Mission exchanged views on an election and political situation, the percentage of participation of women and youth in elections and election activity in the regional office of the Association for Civil Society Development (ACSDA) in Khachmaz region.

4. **European Rights Court Says Azerbaijan Violated Election Rights**  
   04.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty  
   [READ MORE](http://www.rferl.org/content/European_Rights_Court_Says_Azerbaijan_Violated_Election_Rights/2175769.html)  
   The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has ruled that the Azerbaijani government is guilty of having violated citizens’ right to a free and fair election during parliamentary elections five years ago.

5. **EU Allocates First Tranche to Azerbaijan’s Energy Strategy**  
   26.09.2010, New Europe  
   [READ MORE](http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102939.php)  
   The European Union pledged an overall support of € 14 million to Azerbaijan. The first tranche of €3 million was released to the Azerbaijani government within the scope of a dedicated Budget Support Program, Trend news agency reported. The next two tranches will be accompanied by Azerbaijan’s fulfillment of certain conditions required by EU. The Azerbaijan’s government’s objective is to develop a fully coherent, integrated and transparent energy strategy which will cover supply, transportation, transit and use of all energy resources.

6. **World Bank Completes Strategy for Azerbaijan**  
   26.09.2010, New Europe  
   [READ MORE](http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102935.php)
The World Bank (WB) recently completed process of adoption of new four-year Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Azerbaijan. The government of Azerbaijan stated that the project of CPS for Azerbaijan for 2010-2014 has already been submitted to the World Bank Board of Directors, Trend news agency reported. The World Bank Board of Directors plans to consider the document on October 19.

### IV. BULGARIA

#### 1.

**Nationalists Stage Anti-Turkey Show in Bulgarian Parliament**  
07.10.2010, EurActiv  

The leader of Bulgarian nationalist party Ataka yesterday (6 October) surprised his big political ally, the ruling GERB party of Prime Minister Boyko Borissov, by staging an anti-Turkish show and slamming the government's relations with Ankara in parliament. Dnevnik, EurActiv's partner in Bulgaria, reports.

#### 2.

**Tax Agents Uncover More than 1 Billion Leva**  
26.09.2010, New Europe  

A large-scale investigation by Bulgaria's National Revenue Agency (NRA) uncovered widespread cases of tax evasion, Bulgarian media said on 22 September. In August 2010 alone, NRA agents said that they unearthed more than four million leva in hidden revenue from bars, nightclubs and other establishments along the Black sea coast. A total of 36 establishments were subjected to constant surveillance, while hundreds of others were being subjected to random and sporadic checks.

### V. GEORGIA

#### 1.

**US Defense Ministry: Georgia Entitled to have Missile Defense System to Ensure its Safety**  
07.10.2010, TREND  

Georgia has the right to have a missile defense system that will ensure its safety, Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security told Georgian journalists. Speaking after a meeting of the Charter on Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and the U.S. At which issues of security cooperation were considered, Vershbow said: “We [the U.S.] unambiguously support the reforms being implemented in the defence system of Georgia.”

#### 2.

**US Ready to Take Part in Georgia’s Strategy for its Occupied Territories**  
07.10.2010, TREND  

The United States of America is ready to participate in Georgia's state strategy for its occupied territories, the U.S. State Department said in a statement released today after a meeting between the Georgian Prime Minister Nika Gilauri and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

#### 3.

**Azerbaijan, Georgia to Discuss Issue of Reducing Number of Azerbaijani Teachers in Georgian Schools**  
07.10.2010, TREND
The Azerbaijani and Georgian Education Ministers will discuss the issue of reducing the number of Azerbaijani teachers in the Georgian schools. "The Georgian education minister is expected to visit our country in the near future. During the visit, we will discuss the problem of reducing the number of Azerbaijani teachers and students living in Georgia," Education Minister Misir Mardanov told journalists on Thursday.

### 4. Quake Hits Georgia

**07.10.2010, TREND**

An earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale jolted Georgia at 09.06 [local time] this morning. The epicentre of the earthquake was located 15 kilometers from the Mtskheta, the Georgian Seismological Centre told Trend.

### 5. Clinton on US-Georgia Cooperation Priorities

**06.10.2010, Civil.Ge**

U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, reiterated Washington’s unwavering support to Georgia’s territorial integrity, NATO aspiration and democratic reforms and called on Tbilisi to showcase in its next elections that it not only meets, but exceeds international standards.

### 6. Foreign Minister of Georgia Resolves Upper Lars Issue After Meeting with his Armenian Counterpart

**06.10.2010, Panarmenian.net**

At October 6 parliamentary session, Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian spoke about the results of recent meeting with his Georgian counterpart Grigol Vashadze. “Issues on legal status of Armenian Church in Georgia, as well as Armenian language and schools were discussed at the meeting,” Nalbandian stated.

### 7. Clinton Renews Call for Russian Withdrawal from Georgia

**06.10.2010, globalsecurity.org**

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has renewed the U.S. call for a withdrawal of Russian forces from Georgia under the accords that ended the two countries' brief war in 2008. Her comments at the State Department, speaking Wednesday at the opening of a U.S.-Georgian dialogue, appeared aimed at reassuring Georgia that the Obama administration will not overlook Georgian interests as it pursues cooperation with Russia on other major foreign policy issues.

### 8. Georgia: Saakashvili Push for new Constitution Generates Controversy

**06.10.2010, Eurasianet.org**

A proposed new constitution for Georgia, expected to be approved by parliament this month, is feeding speculation about the political motives of President Mikheil Saakashvili's administration. Saakashvili and his allies insist the new constitution would enhance Georgia's system of checks and balances. But critics contend that the president is trying to rig the political system in his favor.
9. Georgia, US Discuss Strategic Partnership Charter  
06.10.2010, Civil.Ge  
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22729  
PM Gilauri and Secretary of State Clinton to review cooperation in frames of charter signed in early 2009.

10. EU to Fund Institutional Building of Number of State Agencies  
02.10.2010, Civil.Ge  
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22720  
EU will allocate EUR 30.86 million in 2011-2013 to help institutional strengthening of number of Georgian state agencies, the Georgian government said on Saturday.

11. Georgian, Turkish Prime Ministers Meet in Istanbul  
30.09.2010, Civil.Ge  
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22712  
Georgian PM, Nika Gilauri, met with his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, on sidelines of Atlantic Council's Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum in Istanbul on September 29, the Georgian PM's office reported. Also on September 29 Georgian Energy Minister, Alexander Khetaguri, signed with his Turkish counterpart, Taner Yıldız, an agreement on building a new high-voltage power line to boost export of electricity from Georgia to Turkey.

12. Turkey Biggest Commercial Partner of Georgia - Georgian Premier  
30.09.2010, TREND  
READ MORE: http://en.trend.az/capital/macro/1758875.html  
Prime Minister Nikoloz Gilauri of Georgia said that Turkey is the biggest commercial partner of his country, Anadolu Agency reported. Speaking at the opening of the "2nd Black Sea Energy & Economy Forum" in Istanbul, Prime Minister Gilauri said that Turkey was also the owner of highest amount of investments in Georgia. He highlighted importance of Baku-Ceyhan oil pipeline project, adding that Turkish and Georgian energy ministers signed an agreement for building of high-voltage-line after the Baku-Ceyhan oil pipeline project led to an increase in demands for use of high voltage.

VI. GEORGIA – RUSSIA

1. No Link between Russian Pullout and WTO Vote  
08.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty  
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Georgia_No_Link_Between_Russian_Pullout_And_WTO_Vote/2184254.html  
Georgia's Vice President Nika Gilauri has said Tbilisi's demand for Russian forces to end their occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia is not tied to how Georgia will vote on Moscow's application to join the World Trade Organization.

2. Georgian PM Outlines Position on Russian WTO Bid  
07.10.2010, Daily News
Georgia’s Prime Minister says his country will not support Russia’s membership in the World Trade Organization unless Moscow allows Georgian customs officials to operate in two disputed territories allied with Russia.

3.

**Georgian President: Georgia Sees no need to Sign Document on Non-aggression**

05.10.2010, TRENDR


Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili sees no need to sign a document on non-aggression with Russia, President’s spokesperson Manana Manjgaladze said in today’s traditional briefing in response to the Russian side’s initiative.

4.

**Georgia Falsely Accuses Russia of New Land Grab**

04.10.2010 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

READ MORE: [http://www.rferl.org/content/Georgia_Falsely_Accuses_Russia_Of_New_Land_Grab/2176270.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/Georgia_Falsely_Accuses_Russia_Of_New_Land_Grab/2176270.html)

The Georgian Interior Ministry formally accused Russia of illegally occupying some 25 hectares of Georgian territory in the course of what it termed the demarcation of the border between Georgia and the breakaway republic of South Ossetia. But after inspecting the area in question, the EU Monitoring Mission issued a statement saying there was minimal evidence to substantiate the Georgian claims.

5.

**EUMM Statement on ‘Border Demarcation’ Claims**

01.10.2010 Civil.Ge


EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM) said its observers failed to find evidence of so called “border demarcation” activities in four out of five villages at the South Ossetian administrative border, which Tbilisi claims were affected by the Russian troops “provocative” actions.

**VII. GREECE**

1.

**Minister Notes Interest in Greek Privatization Plan**

08.10.2010, Wall Street Journal


Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said Greece has received broad interest from companies in Europe and elsewhere in taking stakes in state-run operations up for privatization.

2.

**Geithner: Europe Moved Too Slowly on Greece**

06.10.2010, EU News

READ MORE: [http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/us-greece-economy.6g1](http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/us-greece-economy.6g1)

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Wednesday that the European Union moved too slowly earlier this year on helping Greece and other members, raising international fears.

3.

**Azerbaijani Music Performed in Greece**
Azerbaijani music was performed in Greece. The Azerbaijani Embassy in Greece organized a concert of symphonic music, Farhad Badalbeyli, rector of Baku Music Academy, told Trend.

European Union could Revise Greek 2009 Deficit, Minister Says
05.10.2010, Kyiv Post
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The European statistics agency may revise Greece’s 2009 budget deficit figures upward, but that would not have a major impact on this year’s budget gap and the government will still meet its deficit reduction targets, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said Tuesday.

Greece Presents Austerity Budget for 2011
04.10.2010, New York Times
READ MORE: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/05/business/global/05drachma.html?partner=rss&emc=rss
ATHENS — The Greek government, which this year has come under the tutelage of its euro-zone partners and the International Monetary Fund after it reached the brink of default, on Monday presented a draft austerity budget for 2011 that promised to raise more tax revenue while ending public-sector salary cuts.

Turkish Woman Seeks to be Mayor in Greece
04.10.2010, Daily News
A Turkish woman has announced her mayoral candidacy for local Greek elections scheduled next month, marking a first in the country.

Greek President to Visit Azerbaijan
26.09.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102938.php
Azerbaijani Ambassador to Greece Rahman Mustafayev recently announced that Greek President Karolos Papoulias will pay an official visit to Azerbaijan in the first half of 2011, Trend news agency reported. Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev state visit to Greece in February 2009 led to a significant revival of bilateral ties and relations and increased interest of the Greek political and business elite in Azerbaijan. The return visit of the Greek President shows that Athens pays great attention to cooperation with Azerbaijan.

Moldova

1. Moldova Plans to Restore Fixed-line Telecommunication with Transdniestria
08.10.2010, Kyiv Post
Moldova is going to restore the fixed-line telecommunication with Transdniestria very soon, Moldovan Minister of Information Technology and Communication Alexandru Oleinic said.
2. Romania Inks Collaboration Accord with Moldova
03.10.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102999.php
The Economy, Trade and Business Environment Ministry of Romania on 27 September signed in Bucharest the Collaboration Accord with the Economy Ministry of the Republic of Moldova, ACT Media News reported on 29 September.

3. Moldova Parliament Dissolved
28.09.2010, Kiyv Post
Moldova's acting president on Tuesday called a snap general election for November 28, setting the scene for a fractious campaign between pro-Western rulers and opposition communists in one of Europe's poorest states. Mihai Ghimpu, acting head of state and a leading light in the four-party coalition which has run the small ex-Soviet republic since mid-2009, signed a decree in front of journalists dissolving parliament and setting the election date. The election will be the latest attempt by the country of 3.5 million, where Russia and European Union member Romania vie for influence, to end a political impasse that has left Moldova without a full-time president to push through reform.

4. Moldova Going to Third Election in Two Years
28.09.2010, BBC
READ MORE: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11430570
Moldova faces its third election in two years after members of parliament in one of Europe's poorest states failed twice to pick a president. Mihai Ghimpu, the acting president, dissolved parliament and set the new general election for 28 November. A referendum to introduce direct presidential elections collapsed earlier this month over low turnout. A pro-Western alliance won the last election in July 2009, ending Communist rule.

5. Moldova, Transdniestr hold informal talks in Vienna: OSCE
27.09.2010, EU Business
READ MORE: http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/moldova-russia-osce.6af
Moldova and Transdniestr held informal talks Monday in Vienna, led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), in a bid to resolve their dispute, a spokeswoman said. Russian and Ukrainian representatives also joined the talks, which will last until Tuesday, at the OSCE's headquarters in the Austrian capital. Negotiations in the "5 + 2 format" (Moldova, Transdniestr, Russia, Ukraine and OSCE, plus the EU and US as observers) were suspended in 2006, before Moscow-mediated talks resumed in 2008. Transdniestr is a narrow strip of land along Moldova's border with Ukraine that has been self-governing since pro-Russian separatists fought a brief war against Moldova in the early 1990s..

IX. ROMANIA
1. The Unemployment Rate in Romania Dropped Slightly in September
06.10.2010, Financiarul
According to Romania's National Employment Agency ANOFM, the jobless rate dropped in
September from 7.39% to 7.35%. The number of unemployed people has reduced to 670,247, from which 289,336 are women.

2. Romania’s Paradox: Fails to Use 95% of EU Funds, but Takes International Loans
05.10.2010, Financiarul
Romania’s public administration must be submitted to a reform and should be depoliticized in order to increase the absorption of the EU funds, which are not used in proportion of 95%, Joost Kuhlmann, head of the Commission's unit for Finland, Bulgaria and Romania with the Economic and Financial Affairs Directory, said today.

3. Romanian Workers Protest over Austerity Measures
29.09.2010, Euronews
About five-thousand Romanian workers protested against austerity measures taken by the government to trim the budget deficit during a deep recession.

4. Romanian Minister Quits over Police Demo
28.09.2010, Euronews
Romania’s interior minister has been forced to quit three days after a police protest against big pay cuts infuriated the country’s president. Vasile Blaga’s resignation highlights deepening problems Romania must overcome to gain economic health. After standing down Blaga told reporters: “The Ministry of Interior and Domestic Affairs is at a crossroads, reaching the most important goal after EU integration namely entering the Schengen area. There should be no suspicion hanging over the ministry at this time.”

5. Policemen and Jail Wardens Protest in Romania
25.09.2010, Euronews
Some 6,000 policemen and jail wardens protested in Bucharest against wage cuts and austerity measures.

X. RUSSIA
1. Russia Successfully Tests Bulava Missile
07.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty
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<td>Russia's military has announced that it successfully launched an advanced ballistic missile from a nuclear submarine, after a series of failures had raised doubts about its viability.</td>
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<td>Anna Politkovskaya, a critic of then-President Vladimir Putin and his policies in Chechnya, was shot outside her Moscow apartment in what supporters claim was a contract killing.</td>
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<td>Imports to Russia from countries other than former Soviet republics increased 35.4 percent in January-September 2010 to $135.509 billion, the Federal Customs Service said on Wednesday.</td>
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<td>The leader of Russia's opposition Yabloko party has been detained along with several environmental activists while protesting in the North Caucasus, RFE/RL's Russian Service reports.</td>
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<td>The Russian Defense Ministry predicts that about half of the recruits for the fall recruitment into the military will evade the draft.</td>
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<td>Russia appears headed for membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO) after resolving some key issues in negotiations with the United States. A White House statement said Russia has taken &quot;significant steps&quot; toward WTO membership, including passing amendments to laws on the protection of intellectual property rights.</td>
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A major Russian bank has put on hold plans to finance a controversial mining project in northern Armenia after protests by environmentalists.

8. Kremlin’s Ruling Party Boosts Ties Across the Former Soviet Union
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Kremlins_Ruling_Party_Boosts_Ties_Across_The_Former_Soviet_Union/2171505.html
As Kyrgyzstan gears up for crucial parliamentary elections on October 10, former Prime Minister Felix Kulov’s Ar-Namys party has picked up a key endorsement from Russia’s ruling United Russia party. Ar-Namys on September 22 signed a cooperation agreement with United Russia, the colossus that controls executive and legislative branches across the Russian Federation and is headed by Russia's most powerful politician, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Following a model that seems to have worked in Ukraine, where a pro-Western president was replaced earlier this year by a pro-Russian one, United Russia is also now working actively with friendly parties in Moldova, Ukraine, and Georgia -- all countries whose political vector is up for grabs in the next 18 months.

9. Russia Provides Food Aid to Armenia
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Russia_Provides_Food_Aid_To_Armenia/2168151.html
An Armenian government official says Armenia has begun receiving thousands of tons of grain and cooking oil from Russia, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports. Emergency Situations Minister Armen Yeritsian said 5,000 tons of grain and 1,000 tons of sunflower oil would help the country cope with a recent sharp increase in international prices of these goods. The price hike followed a severe summer drought that devastated crops across Russia and led Moscow to ban all grain exports. The measure pushed up the cost of wheat in international markets to the highest level since the 2007-08 global food crisis.

10. Safe Return for Russian-US Space Crew
25.09.2010, Euronews
Two Russian cosmonauts and a US astronaut have landed safely in Kazakhstan after a six-month mission with the International Space Station. Their return to earth was delayed by a day after a simple mechanical problem with the docking port. It was the first voyage in space for the two Russians, Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Korniyenko. NASA astronaut Tracy Caldwell-Dyson seemed slightly fragile and was carried to a wheelchair, but is ok.

XI. TURKEY
1. China, Turkey to Establish Strategic Cooperative Relationship
08.10.2010 TREND
READ MORE: http://en.trend.az/regions/met/turkey/1763488.html
China and Turkey would establish a strategic cooperative relationship for better economic and political ties, Chinese and Turkish leaders said Friday. Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan made the announcement at a press conference following their meeting during Wen's visit here, Xinhua reported.
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| 2. | Turkish Expert: Joint Mechanism Should be Developed in Azerbaijan-Turkey Relations  
07.10.2010 TREND  
|   | The short-term crisis in the relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey last fall put the revision of the bilateral relations between the countries on the agenda for the first time, Cagri Erhan, Director of the Centre for European Studies of the Ankara University, said. |
| 3. | Rating Agency Issues 'Mea Culpa' on Turkey  
05.10.2010 Daily News  
|   | Moody's, the most conservative rating agency toward Turkey, finally raises the outlook on Turkey’s local and foreign currency bond ratings from stable to positive. Though it has still not caught up with other rating agencies, Moody's may raise Turkey's credit rating in less than a year, according to analysts. One economist says the move suggests 'something of a mea culpa' on the part of the agency. |
| 4. | Turkey: Gulen Movement Taking PR Beating in Arrest Row  
05.10.2010, Eurasianet.org  
READ MORE: http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62090 |
|   | Turkey's most powerful religious group, the Fethullah Gulen Movement, has been feted at home and abroad as a model of moderate Islam. These days, however, the group’s reputation appears to be taking a hit in a controversy involving the arrest of a popular senior police officer. |
| 5. | Central Bank: Turkey Recovered from Crisis  
03.10.2010, New Europe  
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|   | Citing economic data Central Bank of Turkey Governor Durmus Yilmaz recently announced that the repercussions of the global financial crisis have waned in Turkey. He was speaking at a conference organized by the Kahramanmaras Chamber of Trade and Industry KMTSO Zaman reported. He commended the country’s economic performance in the first half of this year noting that the economy has returned to its pre-crisis state with the 10.3% growth posted in the April-June period. |
| 6. | Turkey Improves in Real Estate Transparency  
03.10.2010 New Europe  
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|   | Turkey exceeds the table of the most improved country in real estate transparency for 2010, according to a report published recently by Jones Lang LaSalle and LaSalle Investment Management on the 2010 Global Commercial Real Estate Transparency Index. |
| 7. | Turkish Nationalists Pray In Ancient Armenian Cathedral  
02.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty  
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|   | Hundreds of Turkish nationalists have performed Muslim prayers in one of the most important historical Armenian churches in a high-profile ceremony authorized by Turkey’s government. |
8. Turkey Offers Referendum Gamble to Europe
30.09.2010, EurActive

Egemen Bağış, Turkey’s chief EU negotiator, sought yesterday (29 September) to unblock Ankara’s accession bid by calling on European Union countries to call referenda on the country’s EU membership. Turkey may also chose to consult its citizens, he said.

9. EIB Provides SMEs €150 mln Loan Facility
26.09.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102920.php

The European Investment Bank (EIB) intends to offer a new loan for Turkey’s small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in Istanbul. EIB Vice President Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen said the €150 million provided by the bank will be locally distributed by two domestic banks, Akbank and Halkbank. EIB will provide 80% of the funds while remaining 20% would be provided by the European Commission. The funds are provided for Turkish SMEs regardless of size. It was reported that Turkey receives the largest amount of EIB support when measured for any nation which is not yet an EU member state.

10. Turkish Businessmen to Invest in Kyrgyzstan
26.09.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102937.php

Speaking at the Turkey–Kyrgyzstan Trade and Investment Forum in Istanbul, Kyrgyzstan’s interim President Roza Otunbaeva said that her country offered great opportunities for Turkish businessmen, news agencies reported. Otunbaeva said Kyrgyzstan had eased its control mechanism over businessmen and private sector in the recent term, Irinnews.org reported. Citing Turkey’s major investments in Kyrgyzstan, Otunbaeva said her country attached great importance to these investments adding that Turkish entrepreneurs will grow more attractive towards Kyrgyzstan.

11. Which Way is Turkey Going?
26.09.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102829.php

There are different views on this issue and a great deal of wishful thinking. According to the latest report from the International Crisis Group Turkey’s new engagement in the Middle East has been subject to misconceptions, but we are reassured that Turkey generally allies itself to EU member states’ foreign policy positions “with values and goals that are generally favourable to its Western partners”. Nevertheless, Turkey’s policy of “economic interdependence” with Iran and its subsequent vote against further sanctions in the UN Security Council have brought it into direct conflict with its Western allies.

XII. UKRAINE
1. Ukraine Opposition Warns of Presidential Power Grab
07.10.2010, EurActive
Ten opposition parties in the Ukrainian parliament have condemned a court decision which strengthens President Viktor Yanukovich's control over the country by returning him key presidential powers lost to parliament in 2004.

2.
Tymoshenko: We will Monitor Ukraine's Compliance with Europe's Recommendations
07.10.2010, Kyiv Post
READ MORE: http://www.kyivpost.com/news/politics/detail/85315/
Batkivshchyna will monitor the Yanukovych government's fulfillment of the recommendations outlined in the PACE Resolution "The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine", says the party's leader, Yulia Tymoshenko.

3.
Yanukovych to Discuss Ukraine's European Integration
07.10.2010, RIA Novosti
READ MORE: http://en.rian.ru/world/20101007/160861846.html
Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych will on Thursday start a two-day visit to France for talks with his French counterpart Nicolas Sarkozy and a meeting with business circles.

4.
Ukrainian Parliament Refuses to Support Bill on Applying for European Union Membership
06.10.2010, Kyiv Post
The Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, has voted down the resolution suggesting Ukraine submitting its application for membership of the European Union.

5.
Ukrainian PM Says Country Taking Steps towards EU Membership
06.10.2010, EU News
READ MORE: http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/finland-ukraine.6fw
Ukraine is committed to putting through reforms needed to gain access to the European Union, Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said Wednesday while visiting Finland.

6.
The Moscow News: Russia and Ukraine build Bridges over Troubled Water
06.10.2010, Kyiv Post
The once troubled waters of Russia-Ukrainian relations are set to be bridged – literally and symbolically. But undercurrents still swirl beneath the backslapping over the planned crossing over the Kerch strait. The discussions have been hailed as a visible signal of the rapprochement between the two countries since Viktor Yanukovych won the presidency from Russophobic Viktor Yushchenko. A bridge over the Azov Sea has been on the table for years but troubled relations had kept it at arm’s length until now.

7.
Ukraine - Never a Boring Moment
06.10.2010, EUobserver
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/9/30970
There is a European country which never fails to amaze. That country is Ukraine. The 2004 Orange Revolution came as something of a surprise to the West, which embraced it with open arms believing it would bring increased stability, prosperity and democracy. EU leaders welcomed Viktor Yushchenko, hardly batting an eyelid at the somewhat rushed-through constitutional reforms that
followed his victory and which left the country with a complicated structure of governance. It came as no surprise that the Orange team lost power early in 2010 and that Party of the Regions leader, Viktor Yanukovych, took over the presidency.

8. Dictating Reform
05.10.2010, Russia Profile.org
READ MORE: http://www.russiaprofile.org/page.php?pageid=International&articleid=a1286299125
A court ruling in Ukraine on Friday repealed amendments to the Constitution made during the Orange Revolution, and has rolled back the country’s fundamental law to former President Leonid Kuchma’s Constitution of 1996. The Ukrainian opposition says President Viktor Yanukovich is becoming a dictator, while his supporters say the annulment was “inevitable” and that he needs additional powers to push through painful but necessary economic reforms. What does the international community think, and what is at stake?

9. Rukh Calls for Snap Parliamentary and Presidential Elections
05.10.2010, Kyiv Post
The People's Movement of Ukraine (Rukh) in the wake of the Constitutional Court ruling on political reform has called for snap parliamentary and presidential elections, as well as the mobilization of the Ukrainian people.

10. Rally in Ukraine Against Bill on Language Usage
05.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty
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Some 500 scholars and members of public organizations have protested in Kyiv against a language bill they say would downgrade the status of the Ukrainian language.

11. Ukrainian-Azerbaijani Commission for Economic Cooperation to Hold 8th Meeting
05.10.2010, TREND
Ukrainian First vice Prime Minister Andriy Klyuyev will participate in the 8th meeting of the Ukrainian-Azerbaijani intergovernmental commission for economic cooperation on Oct.7, Klyuyev’s Spokesman Artem Petrenko was quoted as saying by RBK-Ukraine.

12. EU Trade Pact not at Risk, Ukraine Ambassador Says
04.10.2010, EUobserver
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/9/30954
Ukraine’s ambassador to the EU has said that Kiev remains keen on closer trade and political ties with the Union, following controversial remarks by both sides in recent days. Speaking to EUobserver in Brussels on Monday (4 October), Mr Kostiantyn Yelisieiev said that Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych’s recent criticism of a proposed EU-Ukraine trade pact should be seen as part of ongoing negotiations rather than a break in the process.

13. Gazprom, Naftogaz to Ask Government to Amend Legislation
03.10.2010, New Europe
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Russian gas monopoly Gazprom and Naftogaz Ukrainy plan to ask the Ukrainian government to amend legislation so that foreign companies can manage Ukraine’s gas pipelines said Anatoly Podmyshalsky who heads Gazprom’s department for operations in former Soviet republics. Such amendments would give Gazprom the option of investing in Ukraine’s gas routes...

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Ukrainian Mission Doubts Ashton's Statement about Ukraine
28.09.2010, Kiyv Post

Head of Ukraine’s Mission to the EU Kostiantyn Yeliseyev has said he doubts the veracity of a statement by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton, which was published by some media, about Ukraine’s alleged reluctance to join the European Union.

XIII. BLACK SEA REGION

1.

Will Hungary’s Toxic Red Sludge Spill Extend beyond Danube?
07.10.2010, Christian Science Monitor

Hungary’s toxic red sludge spill reached the Danube today at toxicity levels beyond what environmentalists expected. Will it threaten the Black Sea?

2.

Burgas to Host Discussion of Investment Projects in Black Sea Region
07.10.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/economy/news/54886/

A discussion on Investing in the Black Sea Region will be held as part of Integration and Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Region congress. Investment projects in the region, improving collaboration between business and government, legal regulation and investment in innovations will be in the focus of the discussion.

3.

BSEC to Discuss Tourism Development
06.10.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/economy/news/54776/

On October 6-8, Sochi will host Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) international conference on development of tourist infrastructure in Black Sea region.

XIV. ENERGY

1.

Nabucco Delayed as Azerbaijan Talks Drag on
08.10.2010, EurActive

The final decision on investment in the Nabucco Pipeline will definitely not be taken this year and has been delayed until 2011 because gas supply talks with Azerbaijan are dragging on, an Austrian newspaper reported today (8 October).
2. **BP Inks Deal for Deep Azeri Waters**

07.10.2010, UPI


_BAKU, Azerbaijan, Oct. 7 (UPI) -- An agreement between BP and the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan could lead to new discoveries in the Caspian region, a BP executive said._

3. **Sofia Wants More Money for Nabucco**

05.10.2010, UPI


_INSTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 5 (UPI) – Bulgaria wants at least $80 million to help build a gas pipeline to Turkey that would become part of the Nabucco project, the Bulgarian prime minister said._

4. **TAP First in Southern Corridor, Group Says**

05.10.2010, UPI


_INSTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 5 (UPI) -- The Trans Adriatic natural gas pipeline will be the first phase opening in Europe's Southern Corridor of gas networks, developers announced in Istanbul._

5. **Georgian Energy Minister: Bulgaria Can Join AGRI Project**

05.10.2010 TREND

**READ MORE:** [http://en.trend.az/capital/pengineering/1761264.html](http://en.trend.az/capital/pengineering/1761264.html)

_Georgia's territory will be used for transportation of the Azerbaijani gas to Bulgaria, Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov told the Georgian journalists today, after the meeting with Georgian Prime Minister Nika Gilauri. "It’s about two billion cubic meters of gas, on supply of which Azerbaijan and Bulgaria signed an agreement."These amounts will be supplied to the Georgian port of Poti, where the gas compression will be carried out and in such form it will be sent to Bulgaria by the vessels," Borisov said._

6. **US Wants Kurds in Nabucco Pipeline**

04.10.2010, UPI


_INSTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 4 (UPI) -- It is important that natural gas from the Kurdish region of Iraq reaches the Southern Corridor of European energy networks, a US envoy said._

7. **Erdogan Slams Nabucco Delay, Discusses Arab Gas Pipeline**

03.10. 2010, New Europe

**READ MORE:** [http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102952.php](http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102952.php)

_Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan complained about the delay in the Nabucco project. “We say we are ready for everything, but those playing the coordination role have not yet come up with serious action,” Erdogan told the Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum, organized by the Atlantic Council, on 30 September._
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<td>Turkey’s prime minister said on Wednesday that support agreements on Nabucco project would be signed in October, Anadolu Agency reported. Speaking at the opening of the &quot;2nd Black Sea Energy &amp; Economy Forum&quot; in Istanbul, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan recalled that the inter-governmental agreement on Nabucco Project had been signed in July 2009. &quot;We are planning to sign the support agreements of the project in October. This pipeline project, which will have an annual capacity of 31 billion cubicmeters, is also supported by the European Commission. However, we are waiting for its implementation,&quot; Erdogan said.</td>
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<td>The Board of Directors took notice of the information on the current status and the progress with implementing the South Stream project. The meeting noted that the project was progressing on schedule. Late 2015 is scheduled for the gas pipeline’s first string commissioning. The Company’s Management Committee was tasked to continue the work and inform the Board of Directors about the project implementation in the fourth quarter of 2010.</td>
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<td>Noting the high cost of hunting for oil in the Black Sea, Nusret Cömert, chairman of the Petroleum Platform Association, or Petform, says private companies are being discriminated against in favor of Turkey’s state-owned oil company TPAO. Although TPAO is a strategic company for Turkey, the government has to set up more fair and clear criteria for delivering licenses, Cömert tells the Hürriyet Daily News. As Turkey struggles to climb out of its dependency on energy resources from abroad, the government has embarked on a mission to explore oil and gas fields, concentrating especially on the Black Sea. The Turkish state-owned petroleum company TPAO has signed comprehensive deals with Chevron, Petrobras and ExxonMobil to this end.</td>
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<td>Iraq signed a deal with Turkey on 19 September that extends for 15 years the use of a pipeline linking the Turkish port of Ceyhan to the northern oilfields in Iraq. It is important that Iraq continues exporting crude oil to world markets with more than one million barrels in the coming years, the Iraq Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani said. The current export capacity of Iraq ranges between 400,000-500,000 barrels per day, according to the Iraqi Ministry of Oil. At the signing ceremony with Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yıldız in Baghdad, al-Shahristani said that the two countries intend on expanding cooperation in crude exports over the coming years. The renewed agreement included a price hike for Iraq.</td>
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**XV. ENVIRONMENT**

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**Hungarian Toxic Mud unlikely to Reach Ukraine**

05.10.2010, Kyiv Post


The toxic red mud that leaked from a Hungarian alumina plant is not likely to enter the Tisza River and the territory of Ukraine, the press service of Ukraine's Emergencies Ministry has reported.

**XVI. PROTRACTED CONFLICTS**

1.

**Abkhazia Slams Clinton over Russian Troop Withdrawal Statement**

08.10.2010, Ria Novosti

**READ MORE:** [http://en.rian.ru/world/20101008/160881593.html](http://en.rian.ru/world/20101008/160881593.html)

Abkhazia reacted furiously on Friday to a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton calling for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

2.

**OSCE Field Assessment Mission Meets with Separatist Regime**

08.10.2010, TREND


The OSCE Minsk Group co-chairmen Igor Popov (Russia), Robert Bradtke (U.S), Bernard Fassier (France) and experts accompanying them arrived in the Nagorno-Karabakh under the OSCE field assessment mission to familiarize with the situation, ArmInfo reported. During the meeting with representatives

3.

**Nagorno-Karabakh Flag Raised At UN, Briefly**

07.10.2010, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty

**READ MORE:** [http://www.rferl.org/content/NagornoKarabakh_Flag_Raised_At_UN_Briefly/2183393.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/NagornoKarabakh_Flag_Raised_At_UN_Briefly/2183393.html)

Azerbaijan's ambassador to the United Nations has complained that on September 27 Armenia raised the flag of the unrecognized Nagorno-Karabakh republic on the premises of Yerevan's UN mission in New York.

4.

**Community Envoy: Representatives of Azerbaijani Community of Nagorno-Karabakh have not been Invited to Participate in OSCE Field Assessment Mission**

06.10.2010, TREND


Representatives of the Azerbaijani community of Nagorno-Karabakh have not been invited to participate in the OSCE field assessment mission, a representative of the community, the rector of Baku Music Academy Farhad Badal beyli told Trend on Wednesday.

5.

**Nagorno-Karabakh Is Not Anyhow Related to Azerbaijan's Territorial Integrity**

05.10.2010, Panarmenian.net


Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Shavarsh Kocharyan said that none of international organizations has recognized Azerbaijan within the boundaries that include Nagorno Karabakh.

6.

**Nagorno-Karabakh to Reopen Airport**
Authorities in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh are pressing ahead with plans to reopen the disputed territory's sole civilian airport, which was shut down nearly two decades ago.

The influential and impartial mediators should be involved to achieve real results in the process of peace talks on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, David Harries, Foresight Canada strategic center executive director, said. "I think that a mediator without bias and personal interests, but having knowledge and experience in resolving the issues to be considered should be involved to achieve progress in peace negotiations," Harries said in an interview with Trend.

SARAJEVO – A regional workshop on democratic policing organized by the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit with the support of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) started in Sarajevo today.

Turkey plans to launch its first intelligence gathering satellite into space in 2012, Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday, October 5. The satellite will ease Turkey's reliance on US intelligence in its operations against the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which launches attacks on Turkish military targets from bases in northern Iraq. "We will launch the Gokturk intelligence satellite in 2012," Erdogan told members of his party in comments televised live.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, on a visit to Tbilisi on September 30, said the
4. **NATO Chief Urges EU to Give Turkey Security Role**
30.09.2010, EuropeanVoice

Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the secretary-general of NATO, has called on the European Union to give Turkey a role in the Union's security policy. He said that NATO and the EU had to find pragmatic ways to improve their co-operation. Under his proposals, the EU would conclude a security agreement with Turkey, give Turkey special status with the European Defence Agency, and involve it in decision-making on EU security missions.

5. **Russian-Armenian Pact not Affect Ties with NATO**
26.09.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/102944.php

Armenia's defense agreement with Russia signed on 20 August, which will extend and upgrade Russian military presence in Armenia by 24 years, will not affect its relations with NATO, said Robert Simmons, NATO's special representative to the South Caucasus. I have always said that we recognize that Armenia is a member of the (Collective Security Treaty Organization) and has thus an alliance with Russia and other members of CSTO. And that includes a military presence on your territory, which we have never criticized, he said.
New ICBSS Director General: Dr. Zefi Dimadama*

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