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Update No. 1 (11:00 Tbilisi time)*



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**Spot Report**

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The temporary unilateral ceasefire ordered by President Saakashvili at around 19:00 hrs on 7 August was stable and also observed by the South Ossetian side for some hours until fire reportedly was exchanged again at around 22:00 hrs. Shortly before midnight, the center of Tskhinvali came under heavy fire and shelling, presumably also from GRAD systems and artillery stationed outside the zone of conflict. The Mission's Tskhinvali Field Office has also been hit and its three remaining international staff took shelter in the basement.

Exchanges of fire have been continuing with some short breaks. Fighter planes reportedly participated as well. An over flight of Tskhinvali by two airplanes in the morning was confirmed by various incoming reports including audiovisual ones. There are credible reports that the Georgian side took several South Ossetian administered villages under its control, albeit the Mission is not in a position to independently confirm that. It was also reported that the shelling on Tskhinvali stopped and Georgian troops may be in the city.

The Georgian Interior Ministry distributed information that three Russian fighter planes violated Georgian airspace and dropped bombs in or near the village of Kareli outside the zone of conflict close to Gori.

Georgian President Saakashvili has declared full-fledged mobilization in Georgia in a televised address.

Credible international sources confirmed that the town of Gori close to the zone of conflict has been bombed by fighter planes. Georgian TV reports that one Russian plane has been shot down.