

**DECREE ISSUED BY THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA on Introduction of State of Emergency on the territory of town of  
Tskhinvali and the Java District**

The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Georgia notes that recently, as result of illegal and criminal activities of separatist forces on the territory of former Autonomous Oblast of South Ossetia, namely in Tskhinvali, situation has been extremely deteriorated; anti-Constitutional elections were held, the separatists declared the so called "Soviet Republic of South Ossetia", the self-imposed adventurous elements have usurped power, thereby posing serious threat to civil peace, a number of terrorist acts have been committed. Today, on one of the central streets of Tskhinvali, three citizens have been killed and three wounded through usage of machine gun.

In order to protect State Sovereignty of Georgia, assure the security of citizens, restore the rule of law and order and to achieve early normalization of the overall situation, pursuant to Paragraph 7 of Article 113 of the Constitution of the Republic of Georgia, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Georgia **decrees:**

1. To introduce a State of Emergency on the territory of town of Tskhinvali and the Java district beginning from 12 December 1990. The state of emergency shall continue a month.

2. To introduce Curfew on the territory of Tskhinvali and the Java district beginning from 22:00h of 12 December 1990. The duration of Curfew shall be from 22:00h to 07:00h.

3. The Minister of Interior of the Republic of Georgia shall be entitled with a mandate of appointing and/or dismissing the Commandant of town of Tskhinvali and the Java district.

4. In order to protect human rights of citizens and maintain public order, secure proper functioning of public utilities and organizations, the armed forces of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of State Security and military units of the Ministry of Interior of the USSR deployed in Tskhinvali and the Java district shall be used. Those laws and rules that respect the sovereign rights of the Republic of Georgia shall guide these forces.

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9. This Decree shall come into effect from 22:00h of 12 December 1990 and continue until annulment of the State of Emergency.

10. To notify promptly the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union and the President of the Soviet Union on introduction of the State of Emergency.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia shall inform the UN Secretary- General on introduction of the State of Emergency and ask him to dispatch his observers to Georgia.

The Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Georgia **Zviad Gamsakhurdia**

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