## Georgia election to be brought forward

After six days of rioting, Georgia's President Mikhail Saakashvili has said he will seek a fresh mandate in a special presidential election on January 5. Under the constitution he must resign 45 days before the election date Mikhail Saakashvili: Came to power in 2003 in



so-called Rose Revolution. Claims Kremlin is behind protests. Wants to take his small Caucasus nation into NATO and European Union Opposition: Accuses Saakashvili of corruption and of not doing enough to tackle poverty. Patriarch Ilia II. head of the Georgian Orthodox

Church, condemns government crackdown

Russian military hases

Sokhumi

territories have been de facto independent

of Georgia since 1991 fall of Soviet Union **Tbilisi, Nov 7:** State of emergency declared after 50,000 Georgians protest outside parliament

SOUTH

**OSSETIA** 

Tskhinvali

ABKHAZIA

UN buffer

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Semi-autonomous region Batumi

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NORTH

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100km TURKEY **ARMENIA** 60 miles Source: Wire agencies Picture: Getty Images

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