

Caucasus in crisis over breakaway regions

The Caucasus is on the brink of a full-scale war as Georgian troops, backed by warplanes, attack rebels around the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali. Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili has pledged to win back control over breakaway regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia

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South Ossetia, Abkhazia: Breakaway territories have been *de facto* independent of Georgia since 1991 fall of Soviet Union

