

Georgia-Russia conflict timeline



■ **Aug 4:** Russia accuses Georgian President **Mikhail Saakashvili** (left) of ethnic cleansing in breakaway South Ossetia, claiming attacks by Georgian army against Moscow-backed rebels

■ **Aug 7:** Truce with rebels breaks down – Georgian troops launch surprise attack on regional capital Tskhinvali

■ **Aug 9:** Georgian parliament approves presidential decree declaring **state of war**. Russian planes attack military targets in central town of Gori

■ **Aug 10:** Georgia says it has ordered its troops to begin ceasefire, that its forces have withdrawn from South Ossetia. Russia launches bombing raids near Georgian capital Tbilisi



■ **Aug 11:** Russian troops move from Abkhazia and South Ossetia deep into Georgian territory, seizing key towns of Zugdidi, Senaki and Gori, plus strategic east-west road. **Tbilisi is effectively cut off from western Black Sea coast**

■ **Aug 12:** Russian President **Dmitry Medvedev** (right) orders end to fighting. **UN estimates more than 2,500 killed, 100,000 people displaced within Georgia and South Ossetia**