

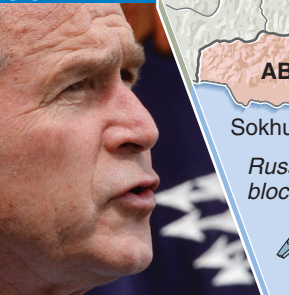


GEORGIA

Analysts believe President **Mikheil Saakashvili** has little hope of reasserting authority in breakaway regions after failed attempt by Georgian army to reclaim South Ossetia by force

Saakashvili stalls for three days before signing French-brokered peace deal, but he insists agreement is not final settlement

U.S.



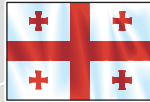
Critics accuse **Bush administration** of low-key response and for helping create conflict by aligning itself too closely with Saakashvili

Possible retaliations include expelling Russia from G8 and blocking it from joining WTO



Fallout of Georgian war

Russia's assault on Georgia has sent a clear signal of Moscow's readiness to assert itself, not just in Georgia but also towards the West. The Kremlin has established it will not tolerate signs of independence from its neighbours, including bids to join NATO



RUSSIA

Conflict has confirmed president-turned-prime-minister **Vladimir Putin** remains in charge

Despite agreeing to peace plan which calls for troops to return to positions before war, Russian forces continue to destroy Georgia's military infrastructure

Russian Foreign Minister **Sergey Lavrov** declares Georgia's territorial integrity is dead issue

Russian military bases

Russian-controlled towns



U.S. aid delivered on military flights and U.S. Navy

NATO Crisis has sharpened divisions among Alliance's 26 members over possibility of granting membership to Georgia and Ukraine



DISPUTED REGIONS

Presidents of South Ossetia, **Eduard Kokoity** (far right), and Abkhazia, **Sergei Bagapsh**, have announced they will push for total independence from Tbilisi



Pictures: AP, Getty Images © GRAPHIC NEWS