

What happened in South Ossetia?

Source: CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES The modern history of South Ossetia is a tragic one in which a generally peaceful region was first dragged into an unnecessary war with Georgia in the 1990s, then became the centre of the Georgian-Russian conflict of 2008.

Did Ossetian forces have an artillery storage facility?

One witness reported that Ossetian forces had an artillery storage facility and firing position on a hill about one kilometer from the Dzara road. Both Russian forces moving south on the Dzara road and the Ossetian firing position were legitimate military targets.

Is South Ossetia under Soviet law?

South Ossetia's status under Soviet law is addressed further later in the chapter. This assessment is based on fieldwork carried out by the author in Tskhinvali in 2003. On the challenges facing the return of refugees/internally displaced persons to their homes of origin in the South Caucasus, see

Why do South Ossetians rely on 'illegality'?

South Ossetians sometimes rely on the 'illegality' of South Ossetia's inclusion in Georgia following the breakup of the Russian empire after the 1917 revolutions to avoid the application of the *uti possidetis* principle. The argument is that *uti possidetis* cannot override a prior illegality.

Did Georgia stop fighting with separatist rebels in South Ossetia?

Before the shelling started on the night of August 7-8, President Saakashvili declared a ceasefire and stated that "Georgia has unilaterally ceased fire in the current fighting with separatist rebels in the region of South Ossetia". His government intended to engage in direct negotiations to end the conflict.

How big is South Ossetia?

South Ossetia is about the size of Rhode Island or Cambridgeshire. It has an estimated population of 40,000-60,000, down from just under 100,000 in 1989, making it the smallest of the post-Soviet *de facto* states.

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The self-proclaimed Republic of South Ossetia is a territory located in the Caucasus. Most of this province unilaterally declared its independence in 1993, and after winning in the war with Georgia, they became an independent *de facto* republic; without a doubt, Georgia considers it to be a part of the Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Imericia and Racha-Lechjumi and Kvemo Svaneti regions.

The South Ossetian economy has withered, deprived of its traditional economic links with neighbouring Georgian towns. Read Full Text This publication was prepared within the framework of the CEPS-led 3DCFTAs ...

This imposing monument underscores South Ossetia's deepening loyalty to Russia and its war in Ukraine. Since the 2022 invasion, over 1,000 men from this small region ...

South Ossetia and the surrounding regions A church in Tskhinvali behind the monument to those killed in the Georgian-Ossetian conflict. 1 Tskhinvali -- the capital and the largest town in the region, home to the government of South Ossetia; 2 Leningor (Russian & Ossetian)/ Akhagori (Georgian) -- a small town that was under Georgian control until 2008, ...

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South Ossetians may yearn for union with Russia, but the complicated political realities of the South Caucasus make this an unlikely prospect.

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The 1991-1992 South Ossetia War (also known as the First South Ossetia War) was fought between Georgian government forces and ethnic Georgian militias on one side and the forces of South Ossetian separatists and Russia on the other. The war ended with a Dagomys Agreement, signed on 24 June 1992, which established a joint peacekeeping force and left South Ossetia ...

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Furthermore, South Ossetian is known for its complex system of noun cases, with up to seven grammatical cases to indicate different relationships between words in a sentence. This intricate system adds depth and nuance to the language, making it a unique linguistic entity in the Caucasus. In terms of phonetics, South Ossetian boasts a rich inventory ...

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