
Radically New Situation In The Region

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Political Scientist Alexander Iskandaryan introduces his viewpoints regarding the consequences of Georgian-Osatian military clash and the possible developments.

"Russian people will leave Georgia, I mean Georgian territory without South Osatia and Abkhazia. But it is a big question when it will happen, in three months, three weeks or during six months. Anyhow there will be no Russians in Potty, Senaky and even Gory.

The situation is different 15 km from South Osatia. It is very difficult to overestimate the significance of this sector, because this is the section linking different South Osatian regions. Anyhow from the point of view of the long term, in my view hardly will the Russian troops stay in that sector; sooner or later they will be withdrawn.

On the other hand it is evident that after those events Georgia will never become pro-Russian, no matter who will be its President. Anti-Russian dispositions will not be annihilated there. On the contrary they will become stronger and the Russians won't have warm feelings towards the Georgians. Today the Georgians are shocked but it will pass.

Meanwhile in Georgia especially in Tbilisy certain patriotic movements are noticed. Certain destabilization is also possible but I hope it will not last long. God willing Georgian people will find strength to get rid of the consequences of the five-day war and restore the practically exhausted country. They need years for that.

"What key conclusion can we draw from the "Georgian scenario"?

"In my view it is clear for everyone that in the visible future the military solution of the issue is really unrealistic. The settlement of the issue by means of negotiations is also unacceptable because South Osatia and Abkhazia will never agree to it.

And by the way Nagorno Karabakh (because parallels are unavoidable here) everyone understands what's going on. A country that ranks first in terms of its military potential, that has 30 times increased its military budget during the recent years, and the army of which is being trained by the "most professional" instructors fighting terrorism in some minutes dispersed everything.

If those who took decision before the war were aware of the ineffectiveness of the war, political scientists and analysts, they understand that the consequences of the war are not directly proportional to the military trainings and money spent on the armaments.
