

# Spying Claims Rejected

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The Foreign Ministry has responded angrily to Georgia's announcement of the arrest of six suspected Russian agents accused of a series of explosions, dismissing the accusations as bogus and alleging that the Georgian authorities were behind the explosions.

The ministry said in a statement Thursday that the Georgian claims were aimed at tarnishing Moscow's image before the next round of UN-mediated consultations. The talks are intended to help defuse Russian-Georgian tensions following their 2008 war.

The Georgian authorities have accused the six suspected Russian agents of causing explosions including one outside the Labor Party's office in Tbilisi last month that killed a woman and one outside the U.S. Embassy in September in which no one was injured.✕

*(AP)*