

# South Ossetia Gets Pledge

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Monday that Moscow was ready to do anything to protect the Georgian breakaway region of South Ossetia from Tbilisi's "military provocations."

"We don't exclude military provocations from Georgia because you can expect anything from the current regime in Tbilisi," Lavrov said on a trip to South Ossetia, which Russia and Georgia waged a war over in 2008.

"Therefore we will do everything to hopefully guarantee the security of South Ossetian citizens and be ready in case someone again wants to commit the same crime of August 2008," he said.

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