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Let's turn however to another example of anti-Russia-“picking and choosing” that also appeared in the “Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Sunday Edition”. The NZZ let the first defence secretary of Georgia, Tinatin Khidasheli, have a say. She warns: “The Russian aggressions against the neighbouring countries will continue on if the West does not oppose it.” Once again the NZZ implies that Russia is waging war in Eastern Ukraine like in Georgia seven years ago. Russia supposedly occupied the Georgian provinces Abkhazia and South Ossetia. This gave occasion for klagemauer.tv to investigate if Russia really waged war in Georgia in 2008 and occupied the Georgian provinces. For this reason, a brief review follows here on the history of Georgia and its provinces Abkhazia and South Ossetia: – Within the Soviet Union Abkhazia and South Ossetia were granted the status of an autonomous republic. – After the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 90s most republics declared their independence, among them South Ossetia and Abkhazia which had been assimilated into Georgia by force under Stalin. – The Abkhazians never had anything to do with Georgia, they don't have a common language or writing – except that both do understand Russian. Georgia disliked Abkhazia's declaration of independence so much that it led to a brutal war in 1992 and 1993. – Despite extreme inferiority, the Abkhazians were able to defeat the Georgian troops. Since then they have been protected by Russian peacekeeping forces. Georgia considers Abkhazia to be a “renegade province”. – In the year 2008 the Georgian president Saakashvili tried to reconquer Abkhazia, with the attack on South Ossetia at the same time. Almost 2000 civilians were said to have been killed. – This war ended within a

few days when Russian troops came to help Abkhazia and South Ossetia and drove back the assailants. Russia justified the deployment of troops as assistance in order to protect the civilians and their own peacekeeping troops from the Georgian attack. –

Because the West meanwhile had acknowledged Kosovo as an autonomous state against the will of Serbia and this was considered a precedent, in return Abkhazia and South Ossetia were acknowledged as states by Russia.

So far the historical incidents speak for themselves. The former Georgian ambassador Erosi Kitsmarishvili confirmed these statements. He said, I quote: "The Georgian president Saakaschwili wanted this war, he prepared for it over the last four years."

Everything points to the fact that a long war between the Georgian army and the militia units of South Ossetia was able to be avoided through Russia's intervention. Untold suffering and bloodshed could be averted through this.

Ladies and gentlemen, you can see that it is worthwhile to take a second look at the "anti-Russia picking and choosing" by mainstream media such as the NZZ. Often a completely different picture unfolds than the one the media wants to present. Often facts are withheld completely or partly if only one can accuse Russia and Putin of aggression. If only one can continue to agitate and justify more resolute action against Russia.

Therefore please help to debunk this "picking and choosing" - reporting against Putin and Russia which is supposed to justify a war in the end.

Thank you very much, see you next time.

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