

A few days ago the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia intercepted official documents of the Russian Ministry of Defense and the Russian Prosecutor's Office, pertaining to the criminal case against Russian Sergeant Maksim Neiderov, who on March 28 2009, while serving at the Russian military base in the town of Tskhinvali (military unit no. 66431) illegally took possession of a Kalashnikov Assault Rifle and later passed it on to unknown persons. This 10 page material includes important additional evidence about Russian regular troop deployment in Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia before August 7 2008. Namely in his testimony (see page 5 of the annexed material) Sergeant Neiderov admits that on February 14 2008, he signed a contract with the Russian Ministry of Defense, based on which he served at the military unit no. 66431 near Vladikavkaz, North Ossetia and, most importantly, *on August 4 2008, he was sent to the town of Tskhinvali*. It needs to be clarified that before August 2008, the military unit no. 66431 was situated in village Sputnik, near Vladikavkaz in North Ossetia, under the 693rd Motor Rifle Regiment of the 58th Russian Army and after the Russian-Georgian War was relocated to Tskhinvali.

The testimony of Sergeant Neiderov, who was sent to Tskhinvali on August 4 2008, clearly shows that he was not a peacekeeper. Besides no rotation of peacekeepers took place on or close to that date. This material is also an additional proof that parts of the 693rd Motor Rifle Regiment of the 58th Russian Army were deployed through the Roki Tunnel before August 8 2008. Here we would like to recall the telephone intercepts that we gave you as part of our answers to the military set of questions, which corroborate that parts of the above-mentioned regiment commanded by Colonel Andrei Kazachenko entered the Roki Tunnel early in the morning of August 7 2008. The testimony of Sergeant Neiderov even proves that the deployment of this regiment began earlier, at least on August 4 2008.

We would also like to pay your attention to an interesting video, which Russian journalist Aleksandr Viktorov recently placed on his blog. This video was shot by Russian TV station NTV on August 6 2008 in village Khetagurovo, but was banned by censorship in Moscow and hence was never broadcasted on air. This video shows how South Ossetian proxy regime irregular forces deployed in village Khetagurovo were intensively firing upon Georgian village Nuli, Frone Valley on August 6, 2008. This video is available on the following links: <http://kgr.livejournal.com/31130.html>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZHkRhBd4E>.