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## U.S. Journalist Feared Dead In Battle for a Georgian City

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An American journalist who was a frequent contributor to The Wall Street Journal is presumed to have been killed in the battle between Georgian troops and separatists for control of a regional capital, The Journal said yesterday.

The reporter, Alexandra Tuttle, 34, is thought to have been killed on Sept. 22, when Abkhazian rebels shot down a Tupelov-134 plane flying from Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, to Sukhumi, the capital of the Abkhazia region. The separatists took control of the city Monday night.

Ms. Tuttle, who lived in Paris, was a regular contributor to the Leisure and Arts Page and the Editorial Page of The Wall Street Journal's European and United States editions for the past three years, on subjects ranging from wars to art history. She has also written for Time magazine and The New York Times.