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Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis condemns the bombing in the breakaway region of Georgia

Statement by Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 07.07.2008 - "The bombing which killed four people last night in a café in the Georgian region of Abkhazia appears to be a terrorist act. These murders risk further aggravation of the tensions in the country, and I am very concerned that the situation may spin out of control. Any side which fails to refrain from provocations – or fails to do their utmost to prevent them - must accept full responsibility for the consequences of their conduct. It is time for everyone to get their priorities straight. The only solution to the conflict is through restraint and dialogue. The people in Georgia have the right to live in peace."

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