

Nine days ago, late in the afternoon of **Aug. 7, Georgian tanks, artillery and infantry began moving out of bases in Georgia and toward South Ossetia,** a zone long held by separatists who are backed by Moscow.

As the Georgian units approached the contested zone from the south, **Russian army forces were massed just to its north** h, separated from it only by the 4,000-yard-long Roki Tunnel through the Caucasus Mountains.

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TVNL Comment: The US corporate media are reporting this conflict as an unprovoked invasion by the Russians. That is NOT what happened, but it IS something the US does very well.