Programme summary of Radio Russia news 2000 gmt 24 Aug 01

1. CIS forces in Abkhazia placed on alert following reports that Chechen militant groups have appeared near the republic's borders.

2. Leading Chechen rebel reported to have been killed in Argun.

3. Stavropol court acquits two suspects in October bomb blasts.

4. Russian prosecutors send to court case relating to 1996
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5. Putin returns to Moscow after attending Ukrainian anniversary celebrations in Kiev.

6. Emergencies Minister Sergey Shoigu returns to Moscow after inspecting restoration work in flood-stricken areas of Yakutia.

7. Divers resume work in operation to raise wrecked submarine Kursk; Russian Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov says bad weather will not affect deadlines.

8. Shell from World War II found in Moscow.

9. International motor show opens in Moscow.

10. Aircraft crashes in Democratic Republic of Congo.

11. Macedonian forces pull back heavy weapons from front line, NATO command decides to send more troops to the republic.

12. Football news.

13. UFO seen in Tyumen Region.


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