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2. A BY-ELECTION DUE TODAY IN INGUSHETIA HAS BEEN CANCELLED AFTER CANDIDATE ALINKHAN AMIRKHANOV'S REGISTRATION WAS DECLARED ILLEGAL BY THE INGUSH SUPREME COURT AT THE LAST MINUTE. YEVEGINY MATONIN VIDEO REPORT. HE SAYS THAT DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT SOME VOTERS HADN'T HEARD THE NEWS AND TURNED UP TO VOTE. CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION HEAD ALEKSANDR VESHNYYAKOV HAS SAID THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE BROUGHT TO BOOK. VIDEO SHOWED ANGRY VOTERS WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED; THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE INGUSH CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION, RUSLAN MUTSOLOV, DISCUSSING THE CASE; VESHNYYAKOV SAYING IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS BUT THINGS WILL BE SORTED OUT.

3. GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN SAMARA REGION TODAY. ALEKSEY KONDULUKOV VIDEO REPORT RECAPPED THE ELECTIONS BEING CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF INCUMBENT KONSTANTIN TITOV, WHO IS NOW STANDING AGAIN. CORRESPONDENT NOTES THAT SAMARA REGION IS A KEY ECONOMIC REGION, AND THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN MARRED BY ALLEGATIONS OF DIRTY TRICKS, THOUGH NOTHING HAS BEEN PROVED. THE ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN DECLARED VALID, WITH 27.5 PER CENT HAVING VOTED BY 14:00 LOCAL TIME. THE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE

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MORNING: THE ELECTION MAY GO TO A SECOND ROUND. VIDEO SHOWED CAMPAIGN POSTERS;
GERMAN PEITAKOV, ELECTORAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, DISCUSSING THE PROGRESS OF ELECTIONS.

4. 8735 PREVIEW OF "ITOGI" ON NTV AT 15# GMT.

5. 828 THREE POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION IN CHECHNYA.
MEANWHILE, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE SITUATION AROUND SERZHEN-YURT IS STABILIZING FOLLOWING A MAJOR BATTLE THERE LAST WEEK. RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE MOPPING UP AND CHECKING DOCUMENTS. REPORT OVER VIDEO OF TROOPS MOPPING UP. VIDEO INTEREST

6. 825 THE POPULATION OF CHECHNYA DECLINED BY ALMOST 50 PER CENT OR 585,118 PEOPLE IN THE PERIOD 1994-1999, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE STATE STATISTICS COMMITTEE. IN 1999 THE POPULATION DECREASED BY 211,000. NO VIDEO. SEE SEPARATE ITEM.

7. 836 A BALTIC FLEET SUBMARINE HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE MUSEUM OF THE WORLD OCEAN IN KALININGRAD. VIDEO REPORT SHOWED THE SUBMARINE BEING BROUGHT INTO THE CITY BY NIGHT; VIEWS OF THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF THE SUBMARINE;
VLADIMIR YEGROROV, BALTIC FLEET COMMANDER, SAYING THAT THIS TYPE OF SUBMARINE, SOVIET PROJECT 641, WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER; NIKOLAY CHERKASHIN, CAPTIONED AS WRITER, PRAISING THE SUBMARINE AND SAYING THAT IT WILL CONTINUE WORKING, EDUCATING PEOPLE. ANOTHER VESSEL, THE KOSMONAVT VIKTOR PATSAEV WILL SOON JOIN THE SUBMARINE IN THE MUSEUM. [VIDEO INTEREST]

8. 1242 THE TATAR HOLIDAY OF SABANTUY IS BEING CELEBRATED IN IZMAILYOVSKY PARK IN MOSCOW TODAY. VIDEO SHOWED TATARS CELEBRATING IN THE RAIN.

9. 1446 LOCALS IN STAVROPOL TERRITORY CONTINUE TO DISCUSS A RECENT INCIDENT IN WHICH CROP CIRCLES APPEARED IN A FIELD. TIMOFEI BAZHANOV VIDEO REPORT SHOWED RURAL SCENES; LOCAL FARMERS AND INHABITANTS DISCUSSING RUMOURS OF A UFO; THE CROP CIRCLES.

10. 1721 END.

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