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**UNOMIG CONCERNED WITH DETERIORATING SECURITY AND HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN ZONE OF CONFLICT**

UNOMIG is concerned with the deteriorating security and human rights situation in the zone of conflict, which could lead to an escalation of tension on the ground.

The Mission is following cases of concern, including the death on 4 November 2005 of Daniel Tsurtsunia, reportedly 39, a resident of Gagida village.

UNOMIG has established contact on the matter with both sides and appeal to relevant bodies to render all necessary support in the conduct of an objective investigation. Furthermore, the Mission is suggesting to both sides to convene a high level meeting on security matters as soon as possible, in order to address the deteriorating situation.

The Mission has already suggested ways to help handle such developments, in particular the establishment of a human rights sub-office in Gali town and deployment of UN police officers in Gali district, which could contribute to the improvement of the situation in the zone of conflict.

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