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"Election Time in the Caucasus: Georgia and Azerbaijan Change Horses"



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Thomas Goltz has been addressing the post-Soviet wars since the fall of the USSR in 1991. He relates firsthand details of the former and current bloodbath in his latest book, *Chechnya Diary: A War Correspondent's Story of Surviving War in Chechnya*. Goltz calls the book "part of a larger exploration of the role (and impact) of the media in areas of conflict." His articles have been printed in *Business Week*, the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, the *Nation*, and *Soldier of Fortune*. And his documentaries have been carried on BBC, PBS, and Turkish and Russian NTV stations. In 1996, his documentary *Global Vision's Rights and Wrongs* was a finalist in the Rory Peck Award for Excellence in TV Journalism. Goltz's *Azerbaijan Diary: A Rogue Reporter's Adventures in an Oil-Rich, War-Torn, Post-Soviet Republic* is considered an essential read for those interested in the Russian-Soviet situation. Born in Japan and raised in North Dakota, Goltz received his MA in Middle East Studies from New York University. Now a resident of Montana, Goltz spends at least half of his year reporting, often utilizing his German, Turkish, Arabic, Azeri, and Russian language skills.

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