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Georgia's state TV is to introduce weekly news programmes in five minority languages - Abkhaz, Armenian, Azeri, Russian and South Ossetian - in a bid to defuse tensions and increase understanding amongst the country's ethnic groups. The programmes, due to go to air by January 2005, have been undertaken in consultation with MDI. They are part of a comprehensive redesign of the news department. **(MDI)**

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