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The following are highlights from Krasnodar's Kuban State TV and the Volnaya Kuban, Krasnodarskiye Izvestiya, Kubanskiye Novosti, and Komsomolskaya Pravda Na Kubani newspapers during the period 17-22 July 2001:

#### Political

The Russian State Duma decision to adopt the Land Code has caused serious upheaval in Krasnodar Territory. Kubanskiye Novosti publishes a selection of readers' letters urging to recall from the Duma those Krasnodar Territory

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deputies that voted for the Code. (Kubanskiye Novosti, 17 July)

The flats owned by State Duma deputies Igor Khankoyev and Vasiliy Teterin, who voted in favour of the Land Code, did not suffer from pogroms when being picketed, the press service of the Krasnodar Territory Main Interior Affairs Directorate said. (Krasnodarskiye Izvestiya, 17 July)

A reform of the Legislative Assembly is mulled in Krasnodar Territory. There is a proposal to replace multi-seat electoral districts that elect 50 deputies by single-seat districts to elect 70. Under the present system 12 municipal entities do not have their deputy. Moreover, the number of deputies is not sufficient to work in committees. (Krasnodarskiye Izvestiya, 18 July)

#### Economic

Krasnodar Territory governor Aleksandr Tkachev has appealed for law-enforcement and tax agencies to establish a preferential taxation mode for farmers for the harvest period. It does not mean that they are exempt from taxes, electricity debts and payments to the regional fund, he said. They will meet their obligations after completing the harvest, he added. (Krasnodarskiye Izvestiya, 17 July)

Payment of arrears to the regional food fund is a priority. It will be especially taken into consideration in case of filing for bankruptcy. Currently farms owe some 1m tons of grain to the fund. (Kuban State TV, 17 July)

Over 5m tons of grain have already been harvested in Krasnodar Territory. An average yield is 4,600 kg from a hectare. (Krasnodarskiye Izvestiya, 20 July)

As was the case with territorial seaports, where the state has practically lost its influence for a certain period of time, airports are facing the same problem. The Anapa airport that in the course of privatization was bought by a private Moscow company, creates lots of problems for the famous resort. Number of flights goes down, and a part of profits earmarked for the town budget runs away. The airport board does not have a single representative of the town or

regional authorities. (Volnaya Kuban, 17 July)

Miscellaneous

"Aliens, please take us away from here!" This kind of message written on a page torn from a notebook leave Adygeyan schoolchildren at the scene of the \*alleged UFO landing site. Crop circles have been found in Adygeya, Krasnodar Territory, last week. The Engels collective farm management decided to reap \*crops without waiting for scientists and UFO experts to come. However, the circles are still clearly visible on the harvested field as well. (Komsomolskaya Pravda Na Kubani, 20 July)  
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