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Czech president: Kosovo recognition led to Georgia regions recognition

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Czech President Vaclav Klaus said on Tuesday that Russia's decision to recognize the independence of the breakaway Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia was provoked by the decision of western countries to recognize the independence of Kosovo.

Commenting on Moscow's decision to recognize the independence of the two Georgian regions in an interview to the Japanese daily Yomiuri, Klaus said: "If there had been no Kosovo, no independence recognition would have taken place".