

## RUSSIA

### **Russia-Ukraine Gas Relations: Murky after Putin-Yushchenko Meeting**

By Vladimir Socor

Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine have agreed on a reshuffling of the cards in Russia-Ukraine gas relations. During Yushchenko's February 12-13 visit to Moscow (see EDM, February 14) the two presidents adopted on a personal basis what Yushchenko termed "tactical decisions" on gas relations for 2008 and "strategic decisions" for the years thereafter...

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### **Russia's Virtual Economy**

Clifford G. Gaddy

The article discusses the system's historical roots, describes some of its characteristic phenomena, and outlines a model for behavior of enterprises...

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

## US

### **A New Middle East, After All**

By Reuel Marc Gerecht

Given the forces arrayed against Bush, his administration's failures, and his own limitations, these are achievements even Ronald Reagan would envy...

<http://www.aei.org/>

### **To strengthen Miliband's case for democracy, drop Iraq, add Europe**

By Timothy Garton Ash

This week David Miliband gave an excellent speech explaining why the promotion of democracy is too important a business to be left to American neocons...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>

## NATO

### **NATO Expansion in the Balkans**

By John C. K. Daly

While the issue of Ukraine's possible entry into NATO is currently filling the European press, Macedonia is also facing the issue of accession...

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### **NATO's Afghan Stumbles**

By Michael Gerson

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### **Who Is "Fascist"?**

The abuse and proper use of a political label.

By Thomas Sowell

Those who put a high value on words may recoil at the title of Jonah Goldberg's new book, Liberal Fascism...

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