

UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF THE CRIMEA



Crimean “referendum”.
Under the guns of invaders

RUSSIA HEADING TO WAR

Feb 26 – Russian nationalists in the Crimea demand independence

Feb 27 – Unidentified people occupy the Cabinet of Ministers. The government is toppled. Former mafia boss Aksyonov is installed as the puppet Prime Minister

March 1 – Putin appeals to parliament to allow occupation. On the same day the permission is granted.

OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE BEGINS

Events of March 15-16

The “referendum” takes place. 96.77% of votes in favor of detachment from Ukraine. The invited “observers” – Europe’s nationalists, neo-Nazis and left wing radicals – approve.

No nation of the world recognized the results.

Crimean Tatars boycott the vote. One of leaders of Crimean Tatars Mustafa Djemilev urges NATO to counter the Russian aggression with own troops.

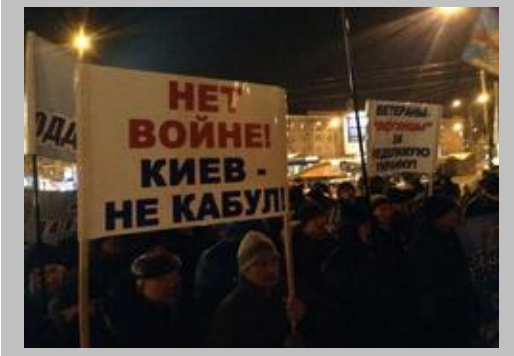
Russia the only Security Council member opposing the resolution on de-escalation and preserving territorial integrity of Ukraine.

US, EU impose massive sanctions on Russian officials.

Putin to address parliament on March 18th.

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Protesters hold a sign “Kiev is not Kabul”, referring to Soviet invasion to Afghanistan in 1978

- ✓ Ukraine’s Defense Minister: Russia amassed over 60 thousand troops on the border. Ukraine will match it with own contingent.
- ✓ Around 40 Russian paratroopers and 4 armored troop carriers landed in Kherson oblast outside the Crimea.
- ✓ Pro-Ukrainian activists and priests terrorized and kidnapped. The invaders drive the families of Ukrainian military out of their apartments. Family members, including children get kicked.
- ✓ 50 thousand attended the anti-war rally in Moscow on Sunday.

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1. **There is no proof whatsoever of ethnic Russians killed in the Crimea or in South-Eastern Ukraine.**
2. **There is no single region in Ukraine where the majority of the population is willing to join Russia.** Objective polls show only 41% of Crimean population in favor of it, and only 33% in Donetsk region.
3. **80% in the South and 76% in the East of Ukraine are against separation from Ukraine.** The Constitution provides for territorial changes only via NATIONAL, not local, referendum.
4. **No decisions by the interim government of Ukraine discriminated the Russian-speaking population.** NATO integration is not mentioned in the program of the new Cabinet.
5. **Majority of Ukrainians (55%) support signing the Association Agreement with EU,** including 47% of the Party of Regions voters.
6. **Putin lied about 17 million Russians living in Ukraine.** It’s 17% of the population; i.e. – 8 million people. Compare to 27% in Latvia.
7. **Four members of Ukraine’s new Cabinet were born in Russia.** The new head of Dnipropetrovsk region is **Igor Kolomoisky, the Head of the European Jewish Council.**
8. **45% of participants of the Euro-Revolution in Kyiv were Russian native speakers.**
9. **Ukrainians are against federalization of the country.** 53% in the East and 63% in the South do not support this idea.
10. **95% of Ukrainian citizens indicate Ukraine (and not Russia or Soviet Union) as their Motherland.**

SUPPORT UKRAINE! DON’T LET PUTIN GET AWAY WITH IT!

“Don’t ask for whom the bell tolls – it tolls for you.” Hemingway



Sikorski: "Anschluss" won't remain unanswered



Obama : "Further provocations will do nothing except isolate Russia and diminish its place in the world".

APPEASEMENT IS WRONG ON CRIMEA

By Volodymyr Ogryzko

Smart people know so many excuses to put up with evil. On March 4th WP's brilliant writer Eugene Robinson found his own. He calls it "sadly, but realistically".

"Sadly, but realistically", Russia will chop off a huge part of Ukraine's territory. Simply because it can afford it. "Sadly, but realistically", the world will do nothing about it. "Sadly, but realistically" – we are supposed to lean back and enjoy the "smart solution" Mr. Putin is about to offer. The solution that (get ready for this!) stipulates Crimea's annexation and a threat of further ones.

I guess, you might call it realism. I personally call it – indifference.

While sitting in their comfortable bubbles, many western thinkers surprisingly suggest putting up with the fact that the "sword-law" is about to replace today's brittle, but sustainable balance in global politics. "Sadly, but realistically" they suggest giving a free hand (and a cart-blanc for the future) to a textbook bully.

On the same day, in a less favorable environment, another brilliant man made a choice of his own. His name is Andrey Zubov, a professor at the Moscow's diplomatic school MGIMO. His choice is called "doing the right thing". He warned his country against opening Pandora's Box of mutual territorial claims. Mr. Zubov was fired the same day. But he did the right thing – despite threats. What are the threats that make Western brilliant minds side up with evil?

The whole pretext of defending Russian ethnic group in Crimea is made-up. Using this argument, Mr. Putin sends Russian young men to kill Ukrainian young men. "Sadly but realistically" is not the right thing to say at this moment.

Volodymyr Ogryzko – Ukraine's Foreign Minister (2007-2008)

FOREIGN MINISTER DESHCHYTSYA: UKRAINIAN CRIMEA IS THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN TODAY'S REALITY AND THE REALITY OF LAWLESSNESS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Ukrainian schoolboy returned Putin's present, a hand watch that was given to him for the best question asked in a press-conference. The question was "What's your dream, Mr. President?". Putin's answer: "I dream that we all live in peace". "Putin lied to me" -- the boy says now.

For more information, please contact Press-Service of Ukrainian MFA and Ukrainian Embassies worldwide. Ukrainian diplomats are ready to comment and explain.

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