

UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF THE CRIMEA



Crimean “referendum”.
Under the guns of invaders

THE ANSCHLUSS – STEP BY STEP

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

March 1 – Putin appeals to parliament to allow occupation. Permission granted.

March 16 – a “referendum” under the guns of Russian invaders falls only 3% short of breaking Hitler’s record in Austria 1938.

March 18 – the Anschluss in complete.

Events of March 18-19

On March 18th Putin declares Crimea a part of Russia. Russian “patriots” euphoric.

Kazakhstan the only state recognizing the “referendum”. Kaz. Ambassador summoned to Ukraine’s MFA.

Russian troops keep storming objects of Ukrainian military infrastructure. A Ukrainian citizen gets killed, another one is wounded. The killed soldier is ethnic Russian.

Ukrainian troops get orders to shoot back.

The Procurator General of Ukraine opens 113 criminal cases on state betrayal and separatism in Crimea.

Over 130 Ukrainian objects of tourism infrastructure in Crimea to be “nationalized” by the puppet “Cabinet”. 20 Ukrainian Navy vessels to be appropriated by Russia.

Ukraine to leave the Russia-dominated CIS.

Russia isolated once again at the UN Security Council.

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A rally in Kharkiv: "I am Russian. My homeland is Ukraine".

- ✓ The first vice-prime-minister and defense minister of Ukraine while travelling to Crimea to negotiate withdrawal of beleaguered troops denied entry by the puppet Cabinet.
- ✓ Headquarters of Ukrainian Navy stormed, supreme commander Sergiy Haiduk taken prisoner. Released only after Kyiv's ultimatum.
- ✓ Web-portals of Ukrainian government bombarded with DDOS-attacks.
- ✓ Russia speedily tries to legitimize Crimea's new status – Constitutional Court approves and State Duma passes the law on Crimea's accession within hours.

THE VOICE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADER

Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky speaking to his Dnipropetrovsk parish on the Holy Day of Purim (March 16th):

"We have been living together with Ukrainians for the last thousand years. And today's Ukraine is our land too. And today, like thousand years ago, we will read the Scroll of Esther. And it is today that this book has a special meaning for us. Because it is today that a new Aman, the enemy to us and Ukrainians, stands on the border...". The parishioners applauded.

Rabbi Smuel Kamenetsky is one of Ukraine's supreme Jewish leaders, a true voice of moral authority to the Jewish community. .



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Barroso, Van Rompay: "EU will never recognize the annexation of Crimea".



Merkel: "EU leaders ready to expand economic sanctions"

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Activists Kateryna Butko and Oleksandra Ryazantseva were abducted by insurgents on March 8 and held captive for three days. They were on their way to Crimea to see Oleksandra's parents, learn about the events at the peninsula and support the Ukrainian troops. They were carrying letters to the soldiers and a Ukrainian flag. Unidentified armed men stopped the girls took their personal belongings and scattered them all over the place. They then took them to the insurgents' camp. "Then it got scary. They wanted to cut off my arm". Kateryna was hit with a shoulder stock. The girls were threatened to be shot.

They were kept in the camp until evening and then they were taken to a basement. They were not the first to have been taken to that basement. "Everything was prepared. The mattresses we were given were not new. You could see bullet holes and blood stains on them".

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

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PM Yatseniuk to Ukraine's East:
"We don't see the relations with Russia as a zero-sum game. Despite the catastrophic deterioration of relations because of the military aggression, I will apply myself not only to preserve peace, but to build with Russia a true partnership".

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