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# **UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK**

Newsletter on Russian occupation of the Crimea



Russian "brothers" in action – taking over Ukrainian fleet

#### 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 20-21

Putin signs the "Anschluss" laws into action.

The Venetian Commission of Council of Europe decrees the Anschluss "Referendum" unlawful.

Ukraine will take Russia to international courts over violation of Ukrainian sovereignty and stolen ("nationalized") Ukrainian property in Crimea.

Invaders keep storming Ukrainian fleet that remains blocked in Donuzlav Bay. Three more vessels occupied on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Five still refuse to hoist Russian flags.

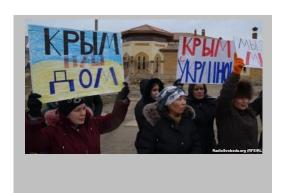
32 Crimean Tatars seek political refuge in Poland.

President of European Parliament Martin Schulz urges EU countries to suspend weapon deliveries to Russia.

Obama announces new visa bans for Russian officials and tightening economic sanctions. Russian stock market plunges.

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Crimean Tatars: "Crimea is Ukraine"

- ✓ Arseniy Yatseniuk: any attempts to invade mainland Ukraine will be countered militarily.
- ✓ Ukrainian Police apprehended and put into custody organizers of separatist activities in Donetsk and Mariupol.
- ✓ Ukrainian parliament passed Declaration on Ukraine's Liberation – pledging to fight for Crimea.
- ✓ After reports on possible "Crimean scenario" in Kherson (South Ukraine), thousands take to the streets under the banners "No to separatism!".
- ✓ Ukrainian ambassador recalled from Armenia after reports on possible recognition of annexation.



Ukraine's Interim President Oleksandr Turchynov and UN Secretary Ban Ki-moon discussed in Kyiv situation in Ukraine, in particular — the Crimea invasion. United Nations top diplomat expressed grave concern over situation on the peninsula.

One of the topics was creation of an international commission on Crimea under participation of Ukraine and the parties of Budapest Memorandum on security guarantees to Ukraine (signed in 1994 in exchange to Ukrainian nuclear arsenal).

Ukraine suggested creating in Crimea a demilitarized zone under the UN umbrella.

Normalization possible only after Russia withdraws troops.

Support Ukraine! Don't Let Putin Get away with it!

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Ban Ki-moon: "I am profoundly concerned. The situation can spiral out of control".



Soros: Russia can be punished by plunging the oil price on the markets.

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### Danylo Lubkivsky, Ukraine's Deputy Foreign Minister:

"Ukraine is ready to stand its ground. Crimea is Ukrainian. We have the law and the truth on our side. We won't budge to aggression. Ukraine might become the viable democratic alternative way to many countries.

The EU can find in Ukraine a new drive. The rest of the world can be sure that the new international reality doesn't depend of aggressors. This is right time for further strategic decisions.

The whole world stands with Ukraine. But it's not only about unanimity. It's also about steadfastness. Russia is trying to drive a wedge between members of global community of nations. But we have seen this. It's nothing new. It's history repeating as a farce. Today's Ukraine is the new frontier to all people of good will. Being a European democracy is Ukraine's free and sincere choice. Many people paid for it with their lives. Ukraine is the new "place to stand" — as long as you care about democracy, freedom, human rights.

Ukraine is only a test. Don't let the aggressor work up the appetite".

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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Dispelling Putin's lies about Crimea and Ukraine. If you are seeking objective information on Russia's war on Ukraine, if you don't want to fall victim to Russian propaganda, visit <a href="www.stopfake.org">www.stopfake.org</a> – Russian/English



A group of students at the Naval School in Sevastopol refused to take oath to the occupation flag, started singing Ukrainian National Anthem, while the Russian flag was hoisted. Video:

http://korrespondent.net/ukraine/politic s/3322628-chast-kursantov-

nakhymovskoi-akademyy-v-sevastopoleotkazalas-perekhodyt-pod-flahrossyy

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