

UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA



Protesting against occupation of Crimea.
Jerusalem.

THE ANSCHLUSS – STEP BY STEP

Feb 27 – Unidentified people occupy the Cabinet of Ministers of Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Former mafia boss Aksyonov installed as the puppet PM.

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 24-25

Russia keeps storming Ukrainian navy ships blocked in Crimean Donuzlav. 51 Ukrainian ships under Russian control. 10 more remain Ukrainian.

Those rejecting oath to Russian flag are kept at undisclosed location. Out of 80 men on the crew of corvette “Ternopil” only 11 take oath to aggressor’s flag.

First families of evacuated Ukrainian military arrive in Kyiv.

Yatseniuk: Ukraine’s losses over Crimean “anschluss” run in hundreds of billions dollars. Court suits in preparation.

Over 30 thousand Russian invaders and paramilitaries stationed in Crimea.

OSCE gets complaints over massive violation of the rights national minorities by Crimean puppet authorities.

OSCE worried over refugees fleeing from Crimea to mainland Ukraine and other countries of Europe. Over 3000 refugees registered so far.

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A major faction of Russian State Duma to Europe: "Dismember Ukraine!"

- ✓ The parliaments of Poland, Romania and Hungary receive a formal letter from the LDPR faction in Russia's State Duma (40 MPs) suggesting Ukraine's dismemberment by these countries and Russia.
- ✓ Standard and Poor's becomes the second international rating agency (after Fitch) to downgrade Russia's outlook to "negative" over Ukraine.
- ✓ The G-7 nations suspend their collaboration with Russia until Moscow "changes course" over Ukraine, threaten intensified sanctions, if Russia moves on.
- ✓ A bill providing economic assistance to Ukraine and imposing sanctions over Russia's seizure of Crimea cleared a procedural hurdle in the U.S. Senate.

Ukraine's FM Andrii Deshchytia in "Washington Post":

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Crimea is Ukrainian. We have the law and the truth on our side. We won't budge in the face of aggression. We will take Russia to the courts and use every venue available to make clear that this is not the way to behave in today's world. And Ukraine has plenty of reasons to count on international solidarity.

The whole world stands with Ukraine these days — but this is about more than unanimity. What's happening is also about steadfastness. Russia is trying to drive a wedge between members of the international community. The Russian doctrine that Putin presented to a clapping Kremlin audience on Tuesday was about one thing: drawing new lines of "legitimate interests" that justify wars and annexations. But the world has seen this already. It is nothing new. It is history repeating as a farce.

The time for diplomatic platitudes is over. Today's Russia is a threat. 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 have paid for this with their lives. Ukraine is the new place to stand — if you care about democracy, freedom and human rights.

The world has been confronted with an unexpected challenge. But this problem might become an opportunity. There is a new, positive drive in Eastern Europe. Ukraine started it by trying to shrug off its old sins and become a better state. Our choice is not about Russia but about being a functioning, future-oriented European democracy. We will stick to this, and we will succeed.

Once Ukraine succeeds, it will represent a viable democratic alternative to many interested onlookers in the post-Soviet space. The European Union can find in Ukraine a new drive. The United States can find here a "long game" it is destined to win. And the rest of the world will sleep better at night knowing that the new international reality doesn't depend of the whims of ever more Hitler impersonators.

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

"Don't ask for whom the bell tolls – it tolls for you." Hemingway



G-7 leaders snub Russia in The Hague. Putin not invited. High level meetings in April and June – put in question.



Barroso: EU ready for the third level sanctions on Russia.

March 24 2014. “The Hague Declaration” (excerpts).

1. We, the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission met in The Hague to reaffirm our support for Ukraine’s sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

2. International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another state’s territory through coercion or force. To do so violates the principles upon which the international system is built. We condemn the illegal referendum held in Crimea in violation of Ukraine’s constitution. We also strongly condemn Russia’s illegal attempt to annex Crimea in contravention of international law and specific international obligations. We do not recognize either.

3. Today, we reaffirm that Russia’s actions will have significant consequences. This clear violation of international law is a serious challenge to the rule of law around the world and should be a concern for all nations. In response to Russia’s violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to demonstrate our determination to respond to these illegal actions, individually and collectively we have imposed a variety of sanctions against Russia and those individuals and entities responsible. We remain ready to intensify actions including coordinated sectoral sanctions that will have an increasingly significant impact on the Russian economy, if Russia continues to escalate this situation.

4. We remind Russia of its international obligations, and its responsibilities including those for the world economy. Russia has a clear choice to make. Diplomatic avenues to de-escalate the situation remain open, and we encourage the Russian Government to take them. Russia must respect Ukraine’s territorial integrity and sovereignty, begin discussions with the Government of Ukraine, and avail itself of offers of international mediation and monitoring to address any legitimate concerns.

5. The Russian Federation’s support for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe’s Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine is a step in the right direction. We look forward to the mission’s early deployment, in order to facilitate the dialogue on the ground, reduce tensions and promote normalization of the situation, and we call on all parties to ensure that Special Monitoring Mission members have safe and secure access throughout Ukraine to fulfill their mandate.

6. This Group came together because of shared beliefs and shared responsibilities. Russia’s actions in recent weeks are not consistent with them. Under these circumstances, we will not participate in the planned Sochi Summit. We will suspend our participation in the G-8 until Russia changes course and the environment comes back to where the G-8 is able to have a meaningful discussion and will meet again in G-7 format at the same time as planned, in June 2014, in Brussels, to discuss the broad agenda we have together. We have also advised our Foreign Ministers not to attend the April meeting in Moscow. In addition, we have decided that G-7 Energy Ministers will meet to discuss ways to strengthen our collective energy security.

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

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As a sign of support to Ukraine musicians organize a flash-mob in Odessa Privoz Market – playing the EU anthem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rROEYotiFM0&feature=youtu.be>

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