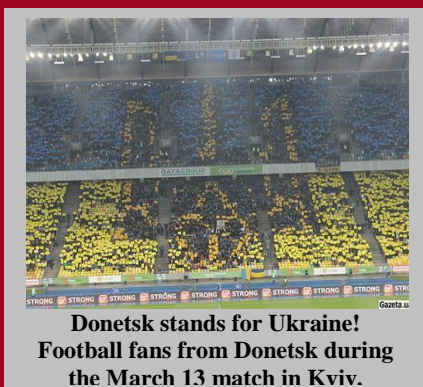


UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA



Donetsk stands for Ukraine!
Football fans from Donetsk during the March 13 match in Kiviv.

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. Ukraine’s fight for reunification begins.

In and around Ukraine

EP supports Ukraine in its aim to stop separatism – **European Parliament Resolution of April 17**

Ukraine conducts anti-terrorist operation in Ukraine’s East to stop the lawlessness on the part of Russian saboteurs and armed groups – **Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN Yuriy Sergeyev**

Sberbank of Russia is suspect of financing terrorist groups in Ukraine – **Prosecutor General of Ukraine Oleg Mahnitsky**

Latvia may become the next victim of Russia’s aggression in Eastern Europe – **Member of European Parliament Jacek Saryusz-Wolski**

Japan joined other G-7 nations in imposing sanctions on Russia

European Parliament confirmed the right of Ukraine to apply for the EU membership – **Resolution of the EP of April 17**

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Vladimir Putin says Russia may invade Ukraine to protect locals...



William Hague, the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom: "What has happened over the last three days, in which we believe Russia is absolutely complicit, makes an already dangerous situation even more dangerous. That does underline the importance of all the efforts to use diplomacy, to use de-escalation, which has become the word everyone seeks in this crisis, to defuse the situation."

German Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel: "The four-way talks scheduled for Thursday in Geneva are long overdue ... We expect that Russia will take serious and publicly visible steps in these talks towards de-escalation. It's in Russia's hands to prevent a further escalation that would be linked to economic sanctions... If Russia is not ready to make sure the escalation finally ends, it must expect that Europe and Germany will be ready to start the third phase of sanctions".

Meet Sergey Aksyonov, Crimea's Puppet PM



Media: Aksyonov, a.k.a. mafia leader Goblin. The self-declared PM reportedly spent \$5 million on election campaign for his Russian Unity party, which won only 3 out of 100 seats. Former Minister of industrial Policy of Crimea sued him over the debt. He joined the political camp of ex-president Kuchma, where he leveraged his position to buy state property in Simferopol. During the administration of Yushchenko, Aksyonov found new sponsors: Putin and Ukrainian oligarch Firtash. "Russian organized crime, which had ties with its Crimea cousins, recommended Aksyonov to Putin", - Batkivshyna Party member Andriy Senchenko said.

Meet Vladimir Konstantinov, Crimea's Puppet speaker



In his regard, Konstantinov owes upwards of \$130 million to Ukrainian banks alone. A builder by trade, Konstantinov through his firms is responsible for a string of unfinished apartment blocks across the peninsula, which he financed through bank loans and down payments of potential buyers. When these houses were not finished on time, the buyers went to court. In 2009 in order to avoid criminal prosecution he entered politics, supporting Yanukovych's bid for president. In 2013 "Focus" magazine estimated his fortune at \$118 million. State-owned UkrExImBank (his largest creditor), VEB bank and Kyivska Rus bank filed suits against his group of companies to return their money. They have failed so far.

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April 16 – Russia's UN representative Churkin claims the "green men" in Crimea weren't Russian.

April 17 – president Putin at a press-conference: yes, those were our soldiers.



Don't hesitate to look through the Report by the United Nations Human Rights Commission on the situation with human rights in Ukraine:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Media.aspx?MediaPage=rus&LangID=1>

Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) about Russian special-ops troops being deployed on Ukrainian territory.

Mr. Igor Strelkov a.k.a "Strelok", identified as GRU staff, directly supervised the militant group on Ukrainian-Russian border on April 12-13. On April 13, in vicinity of Slovyansk this group conducted a ferocious and unprovoked attack on two vehicles with civilian license plates, killing one SBU officer and wounding three.

On April 11th, Ukrainian citizen Gontaryov, a leading pro-Russian separatist who participated, among other things in occupation of Donetsk Regional State Administration, dispatched an agent to Russia's Consul-General. Point of discussion: support of Donetsk and Luhansk separatists.

On April 13th, a Russian citizen supervised training and redistribution of armed group of 30 militants from Luhansk to Donetsk region.

On April 13th a Russian citizen instructed separatists via phone to deploy defectors among local Ukrainian police to control administrative buildings in Luhansk, to prepare for proclaiming a "Luhansk Republic".

From an intercepted April 12th phone call: "in case of a shooting, Russian army would be Luhansk within 1.5 hours tops".

In Slovyansk, a professional GRU mercenary was identified who had earlier participated in Georgian events in 2008.

FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRII DESHCHYTSYA:

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Scare tactics: Russian propaganda intimidating the public, Russian TV showing the imminent threat of American attack on Russia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77jcz4WRcRI&feature=youtu.be&noredirect=1>

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

<http://mfa.gov.ua/en/about-mfa/abroad/embassies>

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