

# UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA



Ukraine is in our hearts forever!!!

## 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 re-unification begins.

## *Latest developments in and around Ukraine*

Military units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine continue to conduct field exercises to improve readiness.

Conscript soldiers will not be discharged until an official decision is made.

Ukraine offers amnesty to pro-Russian separatists.

PACE has deprived the Russian delegation of its voting rights in the body until the end of the 2014 session. Assembly condemns Russia’s annexation of Crimea.

The Netherlands postponed a trade mission to Russia because of the crisis prompted by Russia's annexation of Crimea.

A.F.Rasmussen: if Russia is serious about a dialogue, the first step should be to pull back its troops.

UNESCO Ex Board: Ukraine's resolution adopted with large majority. Sweden supports it fully and is a co-signer of the resolution.

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine: a candidate elected by Ukrainians in fair elections on May 25 will be supported by the US.

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**Occupation of Crimea  
is the shame of Russia**

- ✓ Activists in Simferopol have offered to rename the city after ... Putin ... what is next?
- ✓ Crimea may run out of gasoline a few days...
- ✓ According to an IRI poll: 85 percent of Ukrainians felt no pressure for being Russian-speaking; 66 percent of ethnic Russians also felt no pressure or threat.
- ✓ European Parliament voted to cut approximately 98% of the customs duties on Ukrainian iron, steel, farm produce and machinery.
- ✓ V.Nuland: Constitutional reform is an internal affair of Ukraine. Russia has no right to impose conditions on the federalization of Ukraine.

**Frans Timmermans, MFA of the Netherlands:** "Russian propaganda in Ukraine may lead to unexpected results in the East of the country. One step may lead to another and at some point the process cannot be estopped".

**Romain Nadal, French Foreign Ministry spokesman:** "We call on Russia to refrain from tension in Southeastern Ukraine, resorting to the United Nations Charter on non-interference in the internal affairs of independent state and call for dialogue with the authorities in Kiev. We are ready to provide the necessary support for such a dialogue.

**Angela Merkel, German Chancellor:** "Unfortunately, in many cases it is not recognizable how Russia is contributing to de-escalation of the situation," she said. While dialogue will still be used as it has thus far, Merkel said it will also be made clear that "Ukraine has a right to take its own development path and that is what we will demand. Ukrainians must be able to decide on their own fate and that is what we will help Ukraine with".

**Simon Smith, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Ukraine:** If in the coming few weeks there will be no evidence that Russia takes constructive action for de-escalation of the situation and destabilization of the situation in Ukraine, then the British Government will advocate very strongly for imposing further sanctions against Russia.

**Ambassador Tim Guldemann, Personal Envoy of the Swiss OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Ukraine:** "There is a clear statement that so-called referendum in Crimea was a violation of Ukrainian constitution".

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**Moscow's creative math.**  
**Russian UN representative Vitaly Churkin** believes that the majority of states have recognized that Crimea is a part of Russia. Despite the fact that **100 members of General Assembly voted for Ukraine's sovereignty in Crimea and only ten states voted in the favor of aggressor.**



**US Secretary of State John Kerry**  
**Opening Statement before the**  
**Senate Committee on Foreign**  
**Relations**

<http://m.state.gov/md224523.htm>



Shocking details about Crimean Tatar, a father of three children Reshat Ahmetov who was tortured and killed after a silent one-man protest against Crimea's occupation in Simferopol. Cause of the death: stabbed in the eye.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBsfNh2GNSc&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBsfNh2GNSc&feature=player_embedded)

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**FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRII DESHCHYTSYA:**  
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**Remarks on Military Activities of the Russian Federation on the Border With Ukraine**  
*delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer to the Joint Meeting of the Forum for Security Cooperation and the Permanent Council*  
[http://osce.usmission.gov/apr\\_7\\_14\\_ukr2.html](http://osce.usmission.gov/apr_7_14_ukr2.html)

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

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