

UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA



Ukrainian woman rallying against Putin's aggression on Ukraine: "Crimea is Ukraine!"

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.

EVENTS OF MARCH 31 – APRIL 1

The first result of the occupation: Crimea’s S&P rating downgraded to D – as in “default”.

The whole Crimean economy to be redistributed in favor of “Russian investors”. According to media reports puppet PM Aksyonov and his criminal clan heavily involved in “redistribution”.

Russia’s Foreign Ministry worried: tries to blackmail Ukraine with “economic consequences” in case Ukraine decides to join NATO.

Putin promises to pull back troops from Ukraine’s Eastern border. NATO doesn’t see any proof of withdrawal so far.

UN Security Council holds a new meeting on Ukraine. Russia remains isolated.

Ukraine-NATO Committee meets in Brussels. Closer cooperation agreed – including modernization of Ukrainian army.

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As a result of the Crimean adventure, the World Bank predicts up to \$150 bl. capital flight and a 1.5% fall in GDP.

- ✓ Ukrainians united in the face of aggression: sales of Russian goods fall by 40%. Russian movies boycotted.
- ✓ Media: Russia to be expelled from the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe.
- ✓ Eurocontrol bans all flights over Crimea occurring without Ukraine's consent.
- ✓ Russia contradicts its own reports on "thousands refugees" fleeing from Ukraine to Russia. Official numbers: only 82 Ukrainians applied for political refuge in Russia so far.
- ✓ US Congress enacts \$1 bl. assistance package for Ukraine and sanctions on Russia.
- ✓ Ukraine will sue Russia over massive property loss in Crimea.
- ✓ Party discipline: all members of the pro-Putin faction "United Russia" in Russian Duma formally obligated to spend their 2014 vacation in Crimea.

FoxNews: UKRAINE BRACING FOR CRIMEAN REFUGEES

"Thousands of refugees from the newly-annexed Crimea have begun pouring into mainland Ukraine following Russia's invasion of the peninsula last month, headed for hastily-assembled shelters and the homes of countrymen.

So far, most appear to be ethnic Tatars, who account for about 12 percent of the peninsula's 2 million residents. But several thousand Ukrainian soldiers, their families and other residents of the peninsula who do not want to live under Russian occupation are also expected to leave.

"We will accommodate each and every Ukrainian citizen who does not desire to remain in Crimea and Sevastopol during Russia's temporary occupation of the peninsula," Ukraine's Social Policy Minister Lyudmila Denisova told deputies.

Amb. Stephen Sestanovich in NYT: West Needs a New strategy on Ukraine.

"To assure Ukraine's survival, the United States and Europe need a more ambitious strategy. To avoid a new Cold war, we must learn the right lessons from the old one.

Mr. Putin needs a breather. If he forswears further territorial aims in Ukraine, he will get no early rollback of the sanctions Europe and America have imposed. But he can probably avoid new ones. So much discussion has focused on the risk of a Russian blitzkrieg into eastern Ukraine that, when it doesn't happen, many Western policy makers will breathe a sigh of relief... With that, he – and we – might think the worst was over.

Would it be? Russian actions have been so shocking that their impact will certainly linger..."

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Crimean Tatar Reshat Akhmetov being kidnapped in Simferopol after a one-man demo against Crimea's occupation – to be found tortured to death a couple of days later. He is survived by a wife and three minor children, the youngest being 3 months old.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBsfNh2GNSc>



Deputy Foreign Minister Lubkivsky meeting with Chief Rabbi to Kyiv and Ukraine Jakob Dov Bleich. A close cooperation for the sake of inter-ethnic peace in Ukraine agreed.



Meet Vitaliy Milonov, a leading Russian parliamentary, famous for his blunt language. In his latest escapade he calls Crimean Tatars “pigs”, “the grandsons of Hitler’s thugs”, “acting on the money of Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Jordan”...

Enjoy the YouTube reel in folksy Russian:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwwam_zPsxY

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CRIMEA IS UKRAINIAN. WE HAVE THE LAW AND TRUTH ON OUR SIDE.**

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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 www.stopfake.org – Russian/English



Russian MFA in the footsteps of Orwell. Yes, Russia gave Ukraine security assurances in 1994. No, it doesn't contradict with Russia annexing Crimea.

http://www.mid.ru/brp_4.nsf/newsline/E2C2FECC50FBD22944257CAD0047429D

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

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