

# UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA



Better than a thousand words...

## 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

The anti-terror operation in Ukraine’s East has commenced. It will be conducted carefully and step by step to avoid casualties, especially among civilians.

Around 12 thousand Russian citizens prevented lately from entering Ukraine’s territory – suspected of harmful intent towards Ukraine.

Ukraine submitted to the United Nations evidence of Russia’s heavy involvement in separatist actions in Ukraine’s East.

The US considers supplying Ukraine with military equipment.

Third wave of sanctions on Russia discussed in the EU in response to second wave of Russian aggression on Ukraine.

Germany’s RWE started supplying Ukraine with natural gas via Poland.

Russia illegally keeps imprisoned in Crimea about 2000 Ukrainians and a thousand more are detained – Minister of Justice of Ukraine Pavlo Petrenko

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**The anti-war rally in Moscow:  
"Actions of Putin and Medvedev are Russia's  
shame!"**

- ✓ The principal of the only Ukrainian gymnasium in Crimea Nataliya Rudenko was forced to write a letter of resignation.
- ✓ Russia warns its nationals from going abroad – they can be arrested...
- ✓ The Russian special-ops units newly created for operations in "close abroad" = "green men" who occupied Crimea.
- ✓ Museum of Ukraine's poetess Lesia Ukrainka in Yalta may be closed soon.
- ✓ Russian banks represented in Ukraine directly finance terrorists in the East of the country – Security Service of Ukraine

### **Danylo Lubkivsky: Don't rationalise the aggressor!**

Putin's aggression against Ukraine had the same effect on the world as the recent Ebola outbreak had on Africa. Everybody knew it was possible but nobody really saw it coming. Once it happened and the initial shock passed, efforts ensued to localise the pandemic. They are scattered at first, and then more sophisticated, but mostly beside the point, for one reason: Russia's actions are even more irrational than Ebola.

Don't look for logic where there is none. Russia's actions speak for themselves. It tries to cement its geopolitical positions in the region by antagonising and dismantling Ukraine, its nearest neighbour and partner. It attempts to get stronger economically by raising a new wall between itself and the majority of nations. It sinks in a world of delusion, postulating that it has been besieged by a malevolent and decadent west.

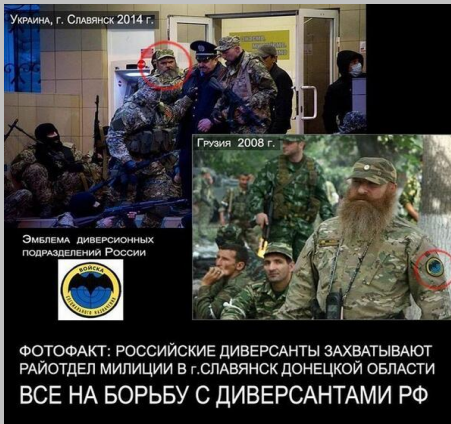
Russia is good at finding the west's soft spots. It was right to assume that the west would react by trying to rationalise the aggressor's actions. Hearing no viable explanation from the aggressor himself, the west came up with explanations of its own. Mostly, they came down to the liberal mea culpa narrative – about Nato expanding too far to the east, about an EU association agreement imposed on Ukraine, about precedents in Kosovo, Iraq and so on.

Such explanations are flawed, artificial and weak. Russia didn't attack Ukraine because of Nato expansion to the east. On the contrary, Nato expanded in response to the threat of a Russian attack. EU association wasn't imposed on Ukraine. On the contrary, President Viktor Yanukovich's decision to pull away from EU association caused a revolution among Ukrainians. And of course war-torn Kosovo and Iraq can in no way be seen as precedents for Ukraine, which didn't witness any bloodshed until Putin decided to get involved in its domestic affairs.

In March the world witnessed helplessly the anchluss of Crimea. A denouncement of Ukraine's EU and Nato ambitions would only whet Russia's appetite for more. It wouldn't stop the pandemic but rather flare it up. This doesn't mean that Ukraine would overnight apply for EU and Nato membership. Far from it. But taking away this option would be simply and obviously wrong – especially in view of Russia's latest role in eastern Ukraine.

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



Look closely: the same red-bearded person shown in pictures from Georgia-2008 and Crimea-2014, wearing the Russian special-ops insignia.



One can also HEAR the negotiations between members of subversive groups that indicate a large-scale military aggression of Russia against Ukraine:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVDxTaeWJ4&feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVDxTaeWJ4&feature=player_detailpage)



Yet another Russian blunt lie on TV.

The same person is shown as “Ukrainian radical” on one channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckqF\\_1MJB-w&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckqF_1MJB-w&feature=player_embedded)

...and a pro-Russian activist on another one:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmzgKE4JDg&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmzgKE4JDg&feature=player_embedded)

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<http://www.stopfake.org/en/>

*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](http://www.stopfake.org) – Russian/English*



Video showing Russian special-ops pushing away and intimidating “pro-Russian” citizens in Kramatorsk:

[http://censor.net.ua/video\\_news/280827/shturm\\_militsii\\_kramatorska\\_rossiyiskie\\_boeviki\\_primenili\\_orujie\\_protiv\\_svoih\\_fotovideo](http://censor.net.ua/video_news/280827/shturm_militsii_kramatorska_rossiyiskie_boeviki_primenili_orujie_protiv_svoih_fotovideo)

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

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