

# UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK



We all grieve with Odessa...

## 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.

## TRAGEDY IN ODESSA...

*“I want to express my sincere condolences to the relatives. We must draw the right conclusions from this tragedy that happened mainly because of external provocation. Those responsible for organizing and provoking these events will be punished” –*

**acting President of Ukraine Oleksandr Turchynov**

*“This is not a tragedy only for Odessa. This is a tragedy for all Ukraine” -*  
**Ukrainian PM Arseniy Yatsenyuk**

*“The scale of the tragedy is striking. We consider these events to be the continuation of an effort to undermine our state which poses threat to the life and security of our citizens.*

*We strongly condemn the actions aimed at the breakup of Ukraine and destabilization of the situation in the south of the country.*

*Events in Odessa show that separatists’ subversive activities in Ukraine are doomed to failure because not only do the Ukrainian citizens not support the so-called ‘separatists’ but they also strongly oppose any attempts to break the unity of our country and resist the terrorists and militants.*

*We would like to offer our sincere and deep condolences over the tragedy. The law enforcement authorities are conducting an all-round, objective investigation of these tragic events, and those responsible must be punished” –*

**Statement of the Ukrainian MFA**

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- ✓ Ukraine will do its utmost to hold an unbiased investigation.
- ✓ The Ministry of Interior has already stated that any kind of help in investigating the events would be welcome and highly appreciated.
- ✓ As I am informed, our law enforcement officials have already invited competent foreign specialists to assist in investigation.
- ✓ The real perpetrators should be brought to justice.
- ✓ This tragedy would have never been possible without Russia meddling in our affairs and exploiting Ukraine's domestic division lines.
- ✓ Geneva process should continue. Ukraine fulfills its part of obligations. Protesters vacate public buildings.
- ✓ Dialogue with all regions of Ukraine is underway and must be reinforced.
- ✓ Prime Minister visited Donetsk and Odessa to demonstrate (among other things) that the Cabinet is accessible to Ukrainians in all regions and in full control of situation.
- ✓ Developments in and around Ukraine will be on the agenda of the **Foreign Affairs Council of the European Union on May 12.**

*Odessa said goodbye to the first killed during the riots on May 2.*



**Andrei Biryukov** became the first victim of the tragic events of that day.

He was one of the activists of the Maidan from Odessa.

He died from a gunshot wound to the lung on the corner of Preobragenskaya and Deribasovskaya streets during clashes between pro-Ukrainian participants and separatists.

The man would have turned 36 years old, he has a 9 -year-old son left without a father.



“Eyewitnesses to the carnage that killed at least 46 people in Odessa, including 38 in an arson fire, say that many of the pro-Russian separatists were armed with automatic rifles and pistols and started shooting at an unarmed, pro-Ukraine rally that preceded a football game”

(<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/pro-ukrainian-volunteers-track-injured-and-detained-in-odesa-fear-prosecution-by-pro-russian-activists-346107.html>)

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*“Don't ask for whom the bell tolls – it tolls for you”*



A sound proof of the preparation and coordination by **RUSSIA** of an operation to kidnap members of the military verification OSCE mission and its further "active participation" in the release of the above by Russian delegation headed by Vladimir Lukin [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZuHUyWQaw&feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZuHUyWQaw&feature=player_detailpage)



**Mustafa Jemilev:**

We Expect Provocations  
Against Crimean Tatars on 18  
May and the Banning of the  
Mejlis

<http://uacrisis.org/mustafa-jemilev/>

### Latest developments in and around Ukraine

Ukraine is ready to back a new round of talks in Geneva in a bid to de-escalate a political crisis with Russia as long as Moscow supports presidential elections on May 25 – **Foreign Minister of Ukraine Andrii Deshchytsia**

Russia aims to destabilize Ukraine. If they cannot achieve that, they will want to invade and annex certain parts of Ukraine through a direct military intervention - **Foreign Minister of Ukraine Andrii Deshchytsia**

The EU and US have threatened further sanctions against Russia if it tries to disrupt the 25 May presidential elections in Ukraine - **EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton and US secretary of state John Kerry**

Nato considers permanent troops in eastern Europe - **top Nato military commander General Philip Breedlove**

The upcoming weekend referendum by pro-Russian insurgents pushing for autonomy and independence for portions of eastern Ukraine are already denounced illegal by the US administration - **US secretary of state John Kerry**

Energy ministers representing G7 have agreed to wean Europe off its dependency on Russian gas

Leading executives at major American companies are reconsidering or withdrawing their participation in a St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

**FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRII DESHCHYTSYA:**

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

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS



**“Russia should not be concerned by the situation because Russia creates this situation”**

*Remarks by Ambassador **Samantha Power**, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at a Security Council Meeting on Ukraine, May 2, 2014*

<http://usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/225539.htm>



*“Russia's "Holy War”*

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

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