



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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Former Hague Tribunal judge demands Yanukovich regime to stop violence.

The commission calls the riot police special forces to implement immediate cease fire

“We demand an order to be given to all those in charge of military and police departments to stop the violence and terror against the people of Ukraine,” said Volodymyr Vasylenko, the Chairman of the Civil Commission on the Investigation and Prevention of the Human Rights Violations in Ukraine. Vasylenko requests an urgent meeting with the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich.

The Civil Commission named 25 top officials responsible for crimes against humanity. See the complete list of names at <http://goo.gl/1OCocI>

On February 20 the Commission, which brought together 12 influential lawyers, human rights activists and former political prisoners, shared a legal and political assessment of the actions of Ukrainian authorities <http://goo.gl/VzuMOM>

The Civic Sector of EuroMaidan spearheaded the collection of photo and video evidence of the atrocities carried out by Berkut riot police units, Internal troops and “titushky” gangs over the last few days. All videos will be stored and used later in the prosecution of people involved in violent actions against protesters. The videos can be found here <http://goo.gl/GU5yJT>

Uniformed special units and plainclothes armed gangs have been well paid by the Yanukovich regime. Read more at <http://goo.gl/VqLYIO>

Watch members of riot police units shoot protesters with Kalashnikov machine guns and sniper rifles during the February 20, 2014 clashes in Kyiv <http://goo.gl/WVbxWF>

73 victims have been identified. They are from all over Ukraine. A map of the regions where victims come from can be found here: <http://goo.gl/GhyCY9>
A list of the identified dead <http://goo.gl/6gxcYm> (Eng).



What can Ukraine expect from the West now?

Myroslav Marynovych

Former political prisoner Myroslav Marynovych: *“What can the West do about Ukraine? First and foremost, stop “expressing deep concern”. All protestors on the Maidan have an allergy to this phrase, which in these circumstances has become senseless especially as all of the gangsters in the Ukrainian governmental gang enjoy mocking the helplessness of the EU.*

Apply sanctions. Don't waste time in searching for their Achilles' heel: it is the money deposited in your banks. Execute your own laws and stop money laundering. The Europe we want to be part of can never degrade the absolute value of human lives in favor of an absolute importance of money. Do not listen to Yanukovich's and Putin's propagandistic sirens. Just put cotton in your ears. Be able to decode their lies; otherwise they will decode your ability to defend yourself.

Listen instead to the Ukrainian media sacrificing their journalists' lives to get credible information”.

Read the complete article at <http://goo.gl/mzeZJG>

Over the weekend the newspaper "Dzerkalo Tyzhnia" published a 10-page document which it claims was drafted by Moscow and its allies in

Ukraine and which outlines a multipronged effort to extend Russia's influence in Ukraine.

Opinions vary on the authenticity of the document, but former Foreign Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service he had no doubt it reflects Moscow's intentions.

Read about the document in details at <http://goo.gl/7AXqSg>

“The government will do everything to harm EuroMaidan's credibility. Now they have decided that the hryvnia is unstable because of the protestors, but it's just weird. They are responsible for it.”

Read the vox populi about the current economic situation in Ukraine at <http://goo.gl/49F02q>

People of Kyiv have selforganised into a huge aid center at Myhaylivskyi monastery: the hospital and surgery is functioning there, a kitchen, a big inventory of food, information centre. Cars are arriving constantly - people bring more food and pharmaceuticals, many transport the wounded to the hospitals etc. Read more at <http://goo.gl/6xW8JR>

Protectors of Maidan - portraits

Who are they, and what do they think about Maidan



More portraits with stories at:

NBC news: <http://goo.gl/vGKSq0>

Al Jazeera America : <http://goo.gl/CY9IZY>

What Parliament voted on February 20, 2014

The Decree voted in by MPs declared cease fire

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On February 20, as the morning massacre began to ease up, opposition politicians began calling for MPs to gather in Parliament at 3pm. MP Lyashko and others guaranteed Party of Regions MPs that no demonstrations would be held near the building during this special session. Apparently some MPs had expressed concern for their own safety in the wake of that morning's violence and deaths.

The session did not start until around 5pm as MPs gathered very gradually. At around 10 pm, 236 MPs supported the "Postanova" (Decree) that ordered the following:

1. All Interior Ministry troops currently in Kyiv are ordered to cease fire and return to their barracks.
2. All live ammunition and lethal weapons that have been issued to government forces are to be returned immediately.
3. Blocking roads and rail lines for the purpose of limiting the movement of people is to cease.
4. All anti-terrorist operations currently undertaken by the State Security Service and Interior Ministry are to be stopped immediately.
5. Circumstances that have led to deaths and casualties are to be investigated and the accused brought to trial forthwith by the Prosecutor General.
6. The Cabinet of Ministers is ordered to provide financial compensation to all victims of the recent

violence and their families.

7. Activists arrested for their participation in protests are to be released and all criminal cases against them closed.

8. It is now the exclusive right of parliament to declare a state of emergency.

All of the above was passed as a "Postanova", a one-time legislative order that has the force of law, but according to Ukraine's Constitution, and unlike other laws, need not be signed by the President. Tonight's session of Parliament was chaired by Svoboda MP Koshulynsky. He has signed the document making it legal.

Although a Postanova is a legislative order that has the force of law and cannot be vetoed by the President, it is unclear what happens if Yanukovich issues a Presidential Decree cancelling the Postanova. Furthermore, it is unclear which should take precedent: the Law on Counter-Terrorism, which was the formal document used to authorize the use of lethal force and abrogation of civil rights over the past 2 days, or the one-time Postanova. Finally it is highly unclear whether Interior Ministry forces will obey this Postanova at all.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/4Z1Wb8>

February 21: Police withdrawing its forces from Kyiv center. The regime steps on the road to compromise

Police left their position around the Ukrainian Parliament in Kiev on February 21, 2014. Ukraine's deputy army chief resigned in protest over government attempts to involve the army to put down the unrest rocking the country. Protesters have expanded their control over several parts of central Kyiv. Read the chronicle of the February 21st events at <http://goo.gl/Sk4OZt>

February 21: Viktor Yanukovich and leaders of the opposition signed a deal aimed at defusing the political crisis after more than 20 hours of negotiations. Under the deal, first announced on the presidential website Friday morning, early presidential elections are to be held this year sometime between September and December. Also, a coalition government is to be formed, and Yanukovich is to relinquish some presidential powers by restoring the 2004 constitution. Shortly after the signing, parliament overwhelmingly voted to restore the 2004 constitution of Ukraine, with 386

votes in favor. The legislation still needs to be signed by the parliament speaker and the President before becoming law.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/Ui1K1l>

It remains in question, however, whether or not EuroMaidan protesters are ready to support the deal, as they are demanding the immediate resignation of Viktor Yanukovich and declare they cannot wait until the end of year for new elections.

"We have to state the obvious fact that the criminal regime (of Yanukovich) has not yet realized the gravity of its evil doings nor the wrath of the people," - stated the Right Sektor organization.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/teBqf8>

February 22: The Regime of Yanukovych cracked down The “Heavenly Hundred” is remembered at Maidan

On February 22, the Ukrainian Parliament voted with 328 votes to remove Viktor Yanukovych of the post of the President of Ukraine, as he doesn't fulfill his duties. The early presidential elections have been scheduled for May 25, 2014

Oleksandr Turchynov, the opposition leader has been appointed as Parliament speaker and acting Prime Minister before the new government is formed.

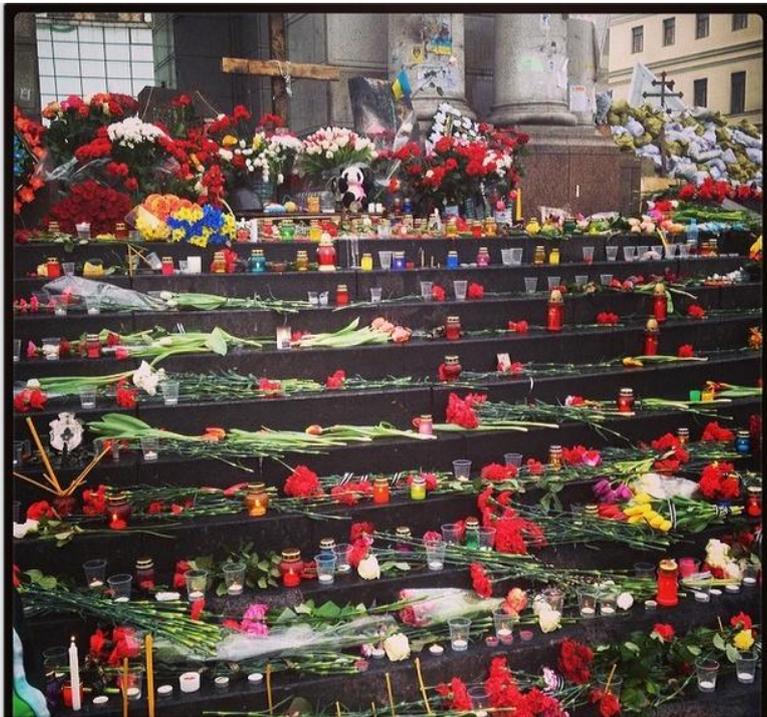
Also the parliament has ruled Yulia Tymoshenko free with 322 votes. In addition the parliament has appointed acting heads of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Security Service of Ukraine and Prosecutor General's Office. Read more details at <http://goo.gl/dfScRZ>

As Yanukovych has left Kyiv, his residence

Mezhygirya has been left unguarded and journalists and activists could get inside. Watch photos of the Yanukovych's posh wealth at <http://goo.gl/5VbOm3>

Read about the last hours of dictatorship at <http://goo.gl/ElsZGt>

On February 22, the Maidan community has been mourning for its perished heroes. Watch the video about the relatives of the killed protesters, who collect the bodies to bury them at their hometowns <http://goo.gl/Ha79EP>



The “Heavenly Hundred” (Nebesna Sotnya)
We remember. Rest in Peace Heroes of Maidan.

On February 22 the national mourning over the victims of Maidan has been announced. Hundreds of people brought flowers and lit candles in the central streets of Kyiv. The Maidan Viche (Gathering) has been chanting “Heroes Never Die”

See the video in memory of the Heavenly Hundred at <http://goo.gl/ov5h18>

“A big blue spot was seen among all this red against a white background... This was a military helmet in the blue color of the UN. Covered by blood, it had a bullet hole on the left side at the level of the temple.”

Read the story of a Blue helmet at <http://goo.gl/HU2w8V>

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