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### The Russian invasion in Crimea continues

The “referendum” on Russia’s annexation of Crimea scheduled for March 16, 2014

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March 7: Armored vehicles continue arriving in Crimea on board ships from the Russian Baltic fleet. At 17:00, "Kaliningrad", a large landing ship of the Russian Federation's Baltic Fleet, unloaded another delivery in Sevastopol. Unloaded from the ship were 17 URAL vehicles and two BTR-80 armored personnel carriers, reports Dmitriy Tymchuk, head of the Military-Political Research Centre. Follow his updates on Russian troops activities in Crimea at his FB page (Rus and Eng) <http://goo.gl/t5PvDy> <http://goo.gl/eettYc> (FB-page of the Centre)

About 30,000 Russian soldiers currently been deployed in Crimea, reports the State Border Service of Ukraine. (Eng) <http://goo.gl/O1OZQb>

Watch the Vice News video about how the streets of Simferopol and Sevastopol invaded by unidentified military personnel, also known as “little green men”. No doubts these military units are Russian (Eng) <http://goo.gl/sxXCrr>

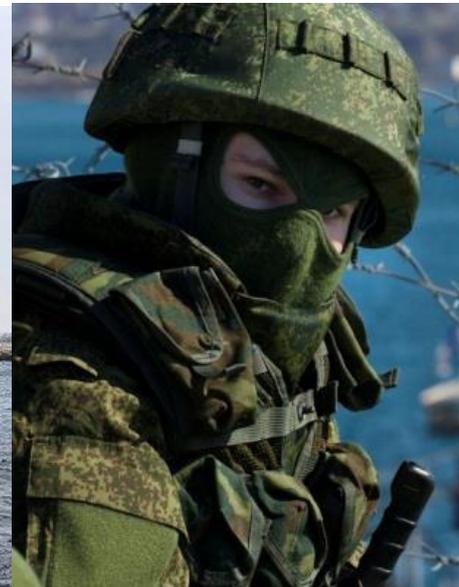
March 6: Russian military forces have sunk a ship in the middle of the entrance to Donuzlav bay to prevent Ukrainian Navy battleships from leaving the harbor. Read more (Rus) and watch videos at <http://goo.gl/ZOZKzm>  
Read more about recent developments in Crimea at <http://goo.gl/4fAC4T>

The Crimean Parliament voted to schedule the Crimean “referendum” on joining Russia for March 16, 2014. Acting Ukrainian President Oleksandr Turchynov has annulled the referendum as illegal and unconstitutional, but the pro-Kremlin Crimean authorities who took power on Feb. 27 do not recognize the legitimacy of the central government and have said they will proceed with preparations. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/emw22x>

On March 7, OSCE were not allowed to enter the territory of Crimea, Director of the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry Yevhen Perebiynis said. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/0RZcSr>

During a press-conference held on March 4 Russian President Vladimir Putin said that he would use his right for military intervention in Ukraine only as a last resort. This might be for the protection of Ukrainian citizens. “Let the ukrainian military try to shoot their own people; Russian soldiers will be standing behind Ukrainian citizens. Not in front of them, but behind.” This was Putin’s answer to the question of what would happen should the Ukrainian military decide to retaliate. Watch the video at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/gqHJo0>

The sinking of a decommissioned ship in the middle of Donuzlav Bay, Crimea (Left)  
The “little green men”: Russian military units without identification patches controlling Crimea (Right)



## Ukrainian troops in Crimea don't give up! Crimean Tatars announce they stand for Ukraine

Ukrainian army colonel Yuri Mamchur marched boldly against heavily armed Russian soldiers occupying the Ukrainian military airbase in Belbek, Crimea. He has become a true hero for all Ukraine. Read more at <http://goo.gl/QVXpqj> (Eng)

Creative resistance: besieged Ukrainian Marines in Kerch, Crimea give a concert for “the little green men” from Russia. Read more at <http://goo.gl/bY1FxV> (Eng)

The Archbishop of Simferopol and Crimea of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Kyiv Patriarchate) Klyment has been protecting the entrance to the Ukrainian military base from Russian troops. See photo at <http://goo.gl/nH3AhS>

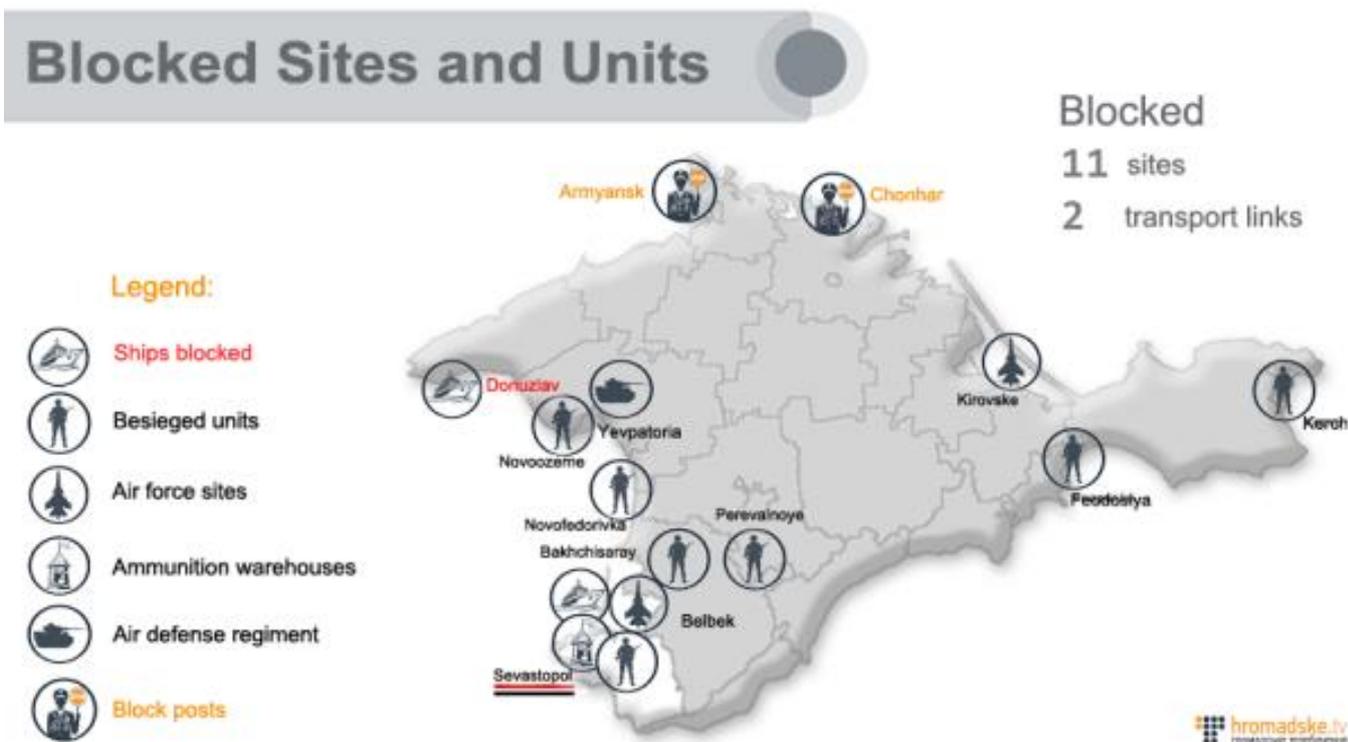
The leaders of the Crimean Tatars, the Muslim minority of the peninsular, have announced they stand with Ukraine. Mustafa Cemilev, MP, stated on March 5: **“Ukraine is indivisible. Crimea is an integral part of a united Ukraine. Any revision of the state borders, detaching a part of the country’s territory and attaching it to another one contravenes all international standards, in particular the 1975 Helsinki convention.”** Read more at <http://goo.gl/ufSPcH> (Eng)

Crimean Tatar Mejlis chairman Refat Chubarov urged residents of the peninsula to boycott the referendum scheduled for March 16 and called the pro-Russia parliament members who voted for separating Crimea from Ukraine “lunatics” who had “lost their minds”. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/zybJM6>

Open letter of Ukrainian Jews to Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin: **“The Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are not being humiliated or discriminated against; their civil rights have not been limited. Meanderings about “forced Ukrainization” and “bans on the Russian language” that have been so common in Russian media are on the heads of those who invented them.”** Read the whole text at <http://goo.gl/yR5Wbn> (Eng)

In many Eastern and Southern cities of Ukraine rallies in support of the territorial integrity of Ukraine gathered thousands of participants. Odesa said: “Putin, hand off Ukraine!” <http://goo.gl/144IU7>  
The rally in Sumy (North-East of Ukraine) gathered 10,000 people holding banners “UKRAINE AND CRIMEA ARE TOGETHER”, “NO TO WAR” See photos at <http://goo.gl/JGyZLb>

## Russian invasion of Crimea, March 6, 2014



# STOP FAKE: Russian media propaganda about Ukraine and Crimean intervention distorts reality

Ukrainian and international journalists are being assaulted and beaten in Crimea by the military and “Crimean self-defense” groups. The signals of TV stations Channel 5 and 1+1 were cut off in Crimea on March 6 to be replaced by Russian state-owned channels Rossiya 1 and Rossiya 2. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/qB6hjE>

In the meantime, Russian TV channels have unfolded a massive campaign on discretization of the Ukrainian revolution and disinformation about the Russian military intervention in Crimea. A number of Ukrainian initiatives are investigating the cases of news fraud and publishing the results online.

Read an analysis of the weapons of the “unidentified gunmen” invading Crimea at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xc8LpJ>

Read about the fake photo of “Neo-fascists” beating an elderly woman who came to lay flowers at Lenin’s monument at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/0n2zGn>

Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet *did not* confirm that snipers on Maidan had been hired by Ukrainian opposition leaders. Read the whole story at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/QwDWpu>

A shooting in Simferopol shown on Russian TV was staged by Russian troops with fake “Ukrainian extremists” and fake Russian victims. Watch the video (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/rTp0vj>

On March, 1 the head of the Crimean parliament admitted that Russia lied about victims among the Russian population in Crimea. The Speaker of the Supreme Soviet of Crimea Vladimir Konstantinov admitted that he knew nothing of the victims among Russian citizens in Crimea. Read more at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/CKTij6>

Read the User’s Guide to Russian Media Propaganda at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/tshUH4>

## Do Crimeans really want to join Russia? Russia is the first country to suffer from the Crimean invasion

A sociological survey conducted by Razumkov Center in January 2013 has shown that Crimeans, unlike easterners or other southerners, showed fairly little affiliation with the Ukrainian state. More than half of Crimean respondents replied by identifying themselves as from Crimea, while almost no one else mentioned their own region. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/D1clvo>

The Survey conducted in February 2014 by KIIS and the Democratic Initiatives Fund showed that 12% of Ukrainians support the idea of a Russian-Ukrainian Union, while the number is 41% in Crimea. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/wiPVyD>

Read the interview with Andreas Umland about the hidden methods of war deployed by Russia in Crimea. ***“Putin doesn’t need a war. War is not popular in Russia. But he needs a success, so he aims to invade Crimea and Eastern regions of Ukraine by other hidden means. The possibility of invasion of Eastern regions, however, is significantly lower, so Putin will try to create chaos and anarchy in these regions using his agents”.*** Read the whole text (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/Yqc2iN>

Crimea’s Tatars have lived in the shadow of the Russian empire for centuries and, once again, have the most to lose. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/ims87X>

Dr. Kravets and Dr. Yakovlev-Golani argue that the status quo – where Crimea remains a part of Ukraine – is actually a better outcome for Russia than independence or annexation. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/LwNMZY>

Timothy Snyder about of the Ukrainian revolution: ***“Whatever course the Russian intervention may take, it is not an attempt to stop a fascist coup, since nothing of the kind has taken place. What has taken place is a popular revolution, with all of the messiness, confusion, and opposition that entails.”*** Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/22ffh3>

## Reanimation pack: reforms initiated by civil society and developed by Ukrainian experts for the new Ukrainian government

On 7 March 2014, a group of experts and analysts presented an Intensive Reforms Package, a list of draft bills that should be implemented in Ukraine in the nearest future. The Civic Sector of EuroMaidan and the New Citizen Partnership launched this initiative together with expert and business communities - more than 100 experts altogether. Experts call on MPs to support the reform bills.

The Intensive Reforms Package was prepared by 13 expert groups working on different issues. This initiative was a precedent where public activists, experts, and businessmen joined efforts to promote systematic changes.

The first two bills for the Anti-Corruption Reforms package are ready to be discussed and voted in parliament **next week on 11 March**. These bills regulate the Government Procurement Transparency and National Registry of Immovable Property.

Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/uKtLCr>

... In the meantime, bloggers have found out that Pavel Gubarev, recently arrested by the Ukrainian police, a pro-Russian separatist from Donetsk who declared himself a "people's governor" used to be a member of a very distinct organization called Russian National Unity (or the Barkashovites). Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JPfBlf>



**On March 8 around 20 000 Crimean women held mass rallies for peace in Crimea and supported the unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine.**

Watch video at <http://goo.gl/f2vmd3>

**At the same time on EuroMaidan in Kyiv, women held a solidarity action with the women of Crimea and wrote postcards with words of support to the Crimean women.**

Watch video at <http://goo.gl/OA0AsP>

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