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Crimea is the first bite in Russia's political appetite Who is next after Crimea?

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Russia's annexation of Crimea, calls for the federalization of Ukraine - these are not the last declarations made by the Russian President and his officials recently.

Defying Ukrainian protests and Western sanctions, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a treaty in Moscow on Tuesday, March 18, making Crimea part of Russia. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Mj9e0k>

A Russian diplomat in Geneva has expressed concerns for the rights of the Russian-speaking population in Estonia. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/I1Uxcd>

The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement completely distorting the real picture of events in Donetsk on the evening of March 20 and promised to "take the city under protection". Read more (Eng) <http://en.pravda.com.ua/>

"... only the full inclusion of the territory of Russian regions in Ukraine - namely Crimea, Lugansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Chernigiv,

Sumy, Kharkiv, Kiev, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa regions - to the Russian Federation can guarantee peace, security and prosperity for its population, as well as reliable defense of Russia's interests... implementation of this task is possible only by establishing control over the mother of Russian cities, the capital of Ukraine, the hero-city Kyiv". – as written in a document discovered which reveals part of Russia's plans for taking over Ukraine. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/qp3xh3>

"We have spent 20 years trying to make Russia a Western country." It was a bad idea. "We can't." Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/lsZKz8>

Find here a list of live broadcasts from military bases in Crimea at <http://goo.gl/xxvmuc>

Ukrainian Security Service has arrested a group of armed saboteurs who were planning to attack a military base in the Odessa region. Once arrested, they confirmed their cooperation with the Russian military. Read more (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/FQoKwk>



What are the future prospects for Crimea and its people?

Minister of Education Sergiy Kvit: Crimean students still have a right to a Ukrainian education. All requests to transfer to universities in continental Ukraine will be accepted. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/SQsvSy> and (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/Lp19gx>

Crimean Tatars, 97% of whom boycotted the “referendum”, will stay in Crimea, but they do not expect anything good from Russian rule. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/jgY5jB>
Crimean Tatars will be asked to vacate part of their land. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/EKAyLW>

1,5 mln Russian tourists visit Crimea each year. This year most will not come to their usual holiday

spot, instead opting for places like Sochi, as Western vacations will be much more expensive with the new exchange ruble rate. Read more (Rus) <http://goo.gl/qealdE>

Read here about the military invasion unfolding in Crimea on March 22 and the response of the international community (Eng) <http://goo.gl/8nYsI5>
See infographics (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/Ka068r>

On March 21, Serhiy Kokurin, 37, became the first Ukrainian soldier killed in Russia’s invasion of the Ukrainian Crimean peninsula. He was a warrant officer with the Simferopol military unit. Read more at <http://goo.gl/0vrYXh>

Attacks, arrests and disappearances continue in Crimea

9 people kidnapped by pro-Russian forces in Crimea report torture

Kidnapped Crimean pro-Ukrainian activists released on March 20 reported that they were severely tortured with an electric chair and shot by traumatic weapons. Read more (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/uHka4s> and (Eng) <http://goo.gl/2xWRmp>

The Russian military did not allow ex-head of the Qirimtatar Milli Mejlis (national executive body) MP Mustafa Dzhemilev to enter Crimea on March 22. Read more (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/uHsHRu>.

Ukrainian colonel Yuriy Mamchur became famous for defending Belbeck airbase armed only with the Ukrainian anthem and bravery several weeks ago. On

March 22, he was arrested by Russian troops and is being held in a Sevastopol prison. Read more (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/IWIRM2> ; watch video of this attack at <http://goo.gl/fQVEaO>

On March 19, Russian troops used women as live shields as they stormed Ukraine’s Naval HQ. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/HPzsEz>

Read personal account about the situation in Crimea reported by Nastya Stanko, journalist at Hromadske TV (Eng) <http://goo.gl/tgSTAE>

Several “Russian products kill” flash mobs took place in Kyiv. Participants called on people not to pay for Russian products as profits will be used to buy arms against Ukraine



Ukrainians respond to Russian military occupation and destabilization by confirming their European choice

On March 21 Ukraine signed the political reform segments of the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement. Read more at <http://goo.gl/nEUQ7c>

On the same day Ukrainian activists from the “We are European” civic initiative raised the European flag next to the Presidential Administration building in Kyiv. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/2pXPtu>

Ukrainian activists have added Russian products to those of the Party of Regions which they have been calling people to boycott for the last several months ago. Read more (Ukr and photos) <http://tyzhden.ua/News/105018>

While the Ukrainian government is trying to solve the question of Russian intervention diplomatically, Ukrainians are reading books about partisan war and learning how to use weapons and how to provide first aid. Read more (Rus) <http://goo.gl/ICJjVa>

On March 22, citizens asked the defense minister to give clear orders to the 25,000 Ukrainian soldiers in Crimea. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/snomxi>

Civilian activists from Maidan joined the Ukrainian army to go through military training. Read a report from one of them at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/U0j0Jg>
See photos from the military training of the newly-formed National Guard at <http://goo.gl/RiXHBW>

People from all over Ukraine open their homes to families fleeing Crimea. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/775JJn>

Many Crimean Tatars have fled to Western Ukraine, particularly to Lviv. Read more at <http://goo.gl/8RmXHK>

“Ode of Joy” flash mob in Odessa 22.03. (video) <http://goo.gl/AAvcfM>

Maidan, Crimea, “new” authorities and Russian politics as viewed by political analysts and rights protection organizations

“The Constitution of Crimea does not allow the Supreme Rada of Crimea to call such a referendum. Only a consultative referendum on increased autonomy could be permissible under the Ukrainian Constitution... Moreover, circumstances in Crimea did not allow the holding of a referendum in line with European democratic standards.” - Venice commission. Read full resolution in Eng <http://goo.gl/50AzKa>

Ex-advisor to Vladimir Putin A. Illarionov has revealed his view on Putin’s plans for Ukraine, calls Yulia Tymoshenko a “favourite” of Putin policy on the President’s place in Ukraine and advised Ukraine to be more active in its defense. Read more (Rus) <http://goo.gl/f44CYI> ; (Eng) <http://uacrisis.org/andriij-illarionov/>

Ukrainian political analyst V. Ilchenko doubts possibility to be “ex advisor” to Putin and argues with A. Illarionov. Read more (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/IO35kk>

The archives of the State Security Service (SBU) will be more open for public viewing, according to Igor Kulyk, the new Head of Archives. The Civic Sector activist is a professional archivist who has dedicated his life to archival openness. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/Tqw7CA>

“120 days from the start of Maidan...” Read the new analysis and reflection piece by Prof. Wynnytsky at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/AzoL2L> and <http://goo.gl/9HbMI5>

Sviatoslav Vakarchuk gives 10 principles for those in power (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Sv7nwO>

Timothy Garton Ash warns about Putin’s plans for the whole of Ukraine and not just Crimea. Read the whole article at <http://goo.gl/JgvbBk>

Political analyst Olena Tregub talks about Russian propaganda on Ukraine at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ePRij4>

Read an article on fact checking Putin’s public speech on Crimea at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/qfDozK>

Read about the top false statements on Ukraine made by the Russian media at <http://goo.gl/YwIR7p>

“Peaceful”
discussion
between
Russian (on the
left) and
Ukrainian (on
the right)
soldiers in
Crimea



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