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May 18 – Commemoration of victims from Stalin’s deportation of the Crimean Tatars

Russian “authorities” in Crimea ban
commemoration gatherings
Tatar journalists arrested, beaten



May 16: The illegal “Premier” of Crimea Aksionov banned Crimean Tatar rallies to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1944 deportation by Soviet authorities. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/NnCQIB>

May 16: Russian FSB conducted a search of Dzhemilev’s house in Crimea. Afterwards his wife Safinar-khanum was taken to hospital. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/WSW5nu>

May 17: Kyiv commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Crimean Tatars’ deportation. Crimean Tatars leader Mustafa Dzemilev took part in the ceremony as he has been banned from entering Crimea. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/I6T41x>

May 18: military helicopters fly over territories where Crimean Tatars held their commemoration meetings. Read more at (Ukr) and watch videos at <http://goo.gl/lqGaTb>

May 18: while the central street was barricaded by hundreds of Russian riot police, around 10,000 Crimean Tatars took part in a commemoration rally on the outskirts of Simferopol. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Yxomxe>

Defying a ban by their new Russian-backed rulers, thousands of Crimean Tatars gathered at a mosque on Sunday to commemorate the day 70 years ago on which mass deportations of their families began under the orders of Soviet leader Josef Stalin. Read more at <http://goo.gl/6PKWH2>

Watch photos and videos from the rally at <http://goo.gl/Tq3HYo>

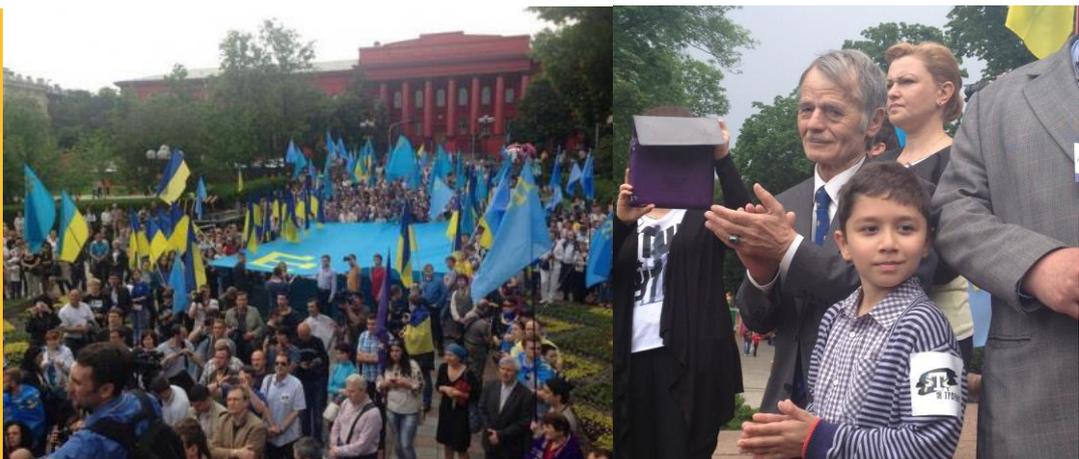
May 18: Crimean police arrested well-known Crimean Tatar journalist Osman Pashaev and another 8 journalists who have been working at the commemoration rally in Simferopol. All detainees have been beaten and their money and electronic devices, including cameras, stolen from them. After 12 hours they were released, but the criminal prosecution started against them will continue, journalists say. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/wK8MN8>

“The 70th anniversary of Joseph Stalin’s forcible deportation of more than 230,000 Crimean Tatars from their homeland in Crimea weighs especially on our minds today. For many Crimean Tatars, these abuses are still fresh in their minds and Russia’s occupation and illegal attempt to annex Crimea has reopened old wounds.” Read the statement of the US department of State on Crimean Tatars’ deportation at <http://goo.gl/s712iW>

May 18: the feature film “Haytarma” (the Return) directed by Akhtem Seitablaev was shown on Ukrainian TV channel 1+1. The film which has been banned in Russia tells the story of the Crimean Tatar Soviet ace-pilot Akhmet Khan Sultan and sheds light on the details of the inhumane deportation of the Crimean Tatar people. The official trailer of the movie (with English subtitles) is available at <http://goo.gl/yATJyU>

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Commemoration rally to remember the victims of the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people in 1944. Kyiv, May 17, 2014 (left) Mustafa Dzemilev, MP & leader of the Crimean Tatars, at the commemoration rally in Kyiv (right)



On the eve of Presidential elections in Ukraine: challenges and opinion polls

If the presidential elections were held two weeks earlier, 33.7% of Ukrainian citizens aged 18 years and over would vote for Poroshenko, 5.9% for Tymoshenko, 4.1% for Sergiy Tigipko, according to the latest opinion polls conducted by KIIS. Read the report at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/1tN5vR>

Volodymyr Flyontz, Leader of the Civic Initiative “Electronic Elections” and a key software developer, initiated a project on e-transparency of the presidential elections. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/RMgJuh>

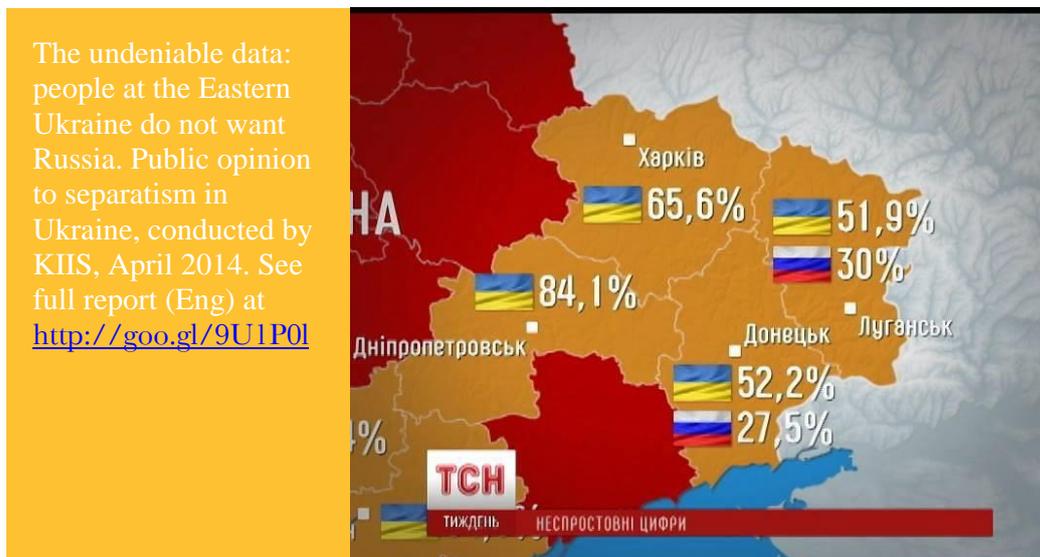
Dmitry Tymchuk: “For elections in Eastern Ukraine, world experience in hot spots will be used”. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/oW17rY>

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden Karl Bildt showed confidence that free and fair elections in Ukraine will take place and asserted that if anyone will try to destabilize and disrupt elections, the European Union will take measures. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/47Ule2>

No matter the results of the pseudo-referendum on May 11 held in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, they are not legitimate and have no legal effect in terms of the electoral law or the Constitution. Read the official statement of the Central Election Commission at <http://goo.gl/8KAoDR>

On May 16, OSCE monitoring mission stated that the overall situation in Ukraine remains unchanged. Tensions continued in the Donbas region whereas other parts of Ukraine remained calm. Read more at <http://goo.gl/xatQTO>

Ukrainian activists condemn France’s continued military deals with Russia despite its aggression in Ukraine. On May 17, protesters in Kyiv were demonstrating outside the French embassy following reports that the \$1.66 billion warship-building agreement between the Russian and French governments had not been overturned. Read more at (Eng) and watch video at <http://goo.gl/p8clxt>



Military operation in the East continues, separatist have run out of local volunteers

At least 24 Ukrainian servicemen have been killed during Ukraine’s anti-terrorist operation. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JB4AEW>

Igor Strelkov, who heads the Kremlin-backed separatist Donbas self-defence force, admitted that he doesn't have enough men to fight and urged women to

bolster the ranks of his militant group. Watch his video statement (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/6Kg2jT>

Ukraine's steelworkers forced pro-Russia insurgents to retreat in Mariupol, Eastern Ukraine. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/fgpXtW>

Democracy fails when citizens don't believe their country is worth fighting for

Timothy Snyder: Today's Ukraine is not only protecting its identity and building a new state, but it has put the entire world in front of the inevitable choices of democracy, pluralism and the future in general. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/ZiMliB>

Anne Applebaum: Nationalism is exactly what Ukraine needs. Democracy fails when citizens don't believe their country is worth fighting for. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/yywp2I>

Obama's strategy of letting Putin hang himself is working. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/whDi50>

When Russia seized Crimea in March, it acquired not just the Crimean landmass but also a maritime zone more than three times its size with the rights to underwater resources potentially worth trillions of dollars. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/j9nurT>

ANONYMOUS cyber movement calls for joint action against Russian aggression. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/3yQVFq>

Russian Channel 1 fakes news on Ukraine by using 2-year old video footage from Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia.



Stopfake: Russia's false news about Ukraine

Every day Russian media continues to show fake news about Ukraine, misinforming Russian citizens and the world community.

Russian Channel 1 in its evening news on May 16th reported on events in Slovyansk using two-year-old videos from Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia. In particular, at minute 4:45 of the report, they give false information about civilians killed. Please see the original link to the news report on the website vesti .ru. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/zTxGsz>

Russian media also reported false information about the anti-terrorist operation in Donbas using 2-year-old video recordings of a Ukrainian helicopter and crew on a peacekeeping operation in the Congo. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/a2M17C>

A journalist from Russian TV channel RT, Graham Phillips, was with pro-Russian gunmen in one of the trenches near Slovyansk. In video footage, gunmen can be heard trying to figure out where Ukrainian soldiers are located in order to shoot at them. Their subsequent actions - firing on Ukrainian troops – provided justification for the use of trench-mortars by Ukrainian Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) forces. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/cGg8lZ>

The lie from the MP Oleg Tsariov: The Security Service of Ukraine commanded its chief officers to catch Russian Federation citizens and make them “subversives”. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/mLrHVE>

A faked video about murdered soldiers from the Donetsk People's Republic is being spread across the Net. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/dXEpbU>

Ukraine: a place of hidden wonders ready to be explored

Did you know that the first democratic Constitution in Europe was that written by the Ukrainian Hetman Pylyp Orlyk in 1710? It was called “Pacts and Constitution of Rights and Freedoms between the Zaporizhian Cossak Army and the Hetman”. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/SUOn3I>
And (Eng) <http://goo.gl/NAep9M>

Did you know that Ivan Pulyui invented X-rays prior to Röntgen? Ivan Pulyui (German: Johann Puluj; February 2, 1845 – January 31, 1918) was a Ukrainian-born physicist, inventor, and patriot who has been championed as an early developer of X-rays for medical imaging. His contributions were largely overlooked until the end of the 20th century. Pulyui did heavy research into cathode rays, publishing

several papers on the subject between 1880 and 1882. As a result of his experiments into what he called cold light, Pulyui developed the Pulyui lamp which was mass-produced for some time. This device was also a primitive X-ray tube, but it was not until Wilhelm Röntgen discovered X-rays and published his experiments that Puluj recognized the potential of his own device. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/McPDOq>

Did you know that the Valley of Daffodils, located in Kireshe, Zakarpatsky region of Ukraine, is the largest natural seat of Narcissus Poeticus in Europe? It covers 257 hectares. Read more at <http://goo.gl/jJLrvp> and <http://goo.gl/et74RY>

The Valley of Daffodils in Zakarpatska oblast, Ukraine is a true natural miracle which attracts thousands of tourists every year.



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