



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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Meeting in Milan yields no results

Putin advises West not to pressure Russia, warns of 'nuclear discord'

Bilateral talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Oct. 17 failed to produce either a concrete gas deal or a regime for monitoring the unruly ceasefire in Ukraine's east. <http://goo.gl/J0N9Sz> ; Polish Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna shares his opinion: <http://goo.gl/OZA7G0>

The meetings between European leaders and Putin demonstrated the dead-end situation in solving Ukraine's crisis. The European leaders have softened their rhetoric, as the Russian side threatens possible gas supply disruptions during the winter. <http://goo.gl/7OZ3p9>

Poroshenko said he and Putin had made some progress in resolving their dispute over natural gas, but there had been no decisive breakthrough and details remained to be resolved. <http://goo.gl/7naCXf>

16.10: Attempts by the West to put pressure on Russia because of the events in Ukraine are only complicating the settlement of the situation, Russian President Vladimir Putin has said. <http://goo.gl/Wvfb1p>

Despite an officially-declared cease-fire, the truce in the East has been broken almost daily with casualties mounting, both military and civilian. At least 68 Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 428 wounded since Sept. 5. <http://goo.gl/NdBG43>

Protesters demanding a ban on communist ideology clashed with police near the Verkhovna Rada parliament building on Oct. 14. Major political groups said they had nothing to do with the clashes and blamed agent provocateurs. <http://goo.gl/EcQA12>

Left: Defenders of Donetsk airport are called "cyborgs" by Russian irregulars
Right: Moment of peace



Failing with Novorossiya, Kremlin switches tactics

Putin will not stop aggression without demonstrating at least a small victory, Poland's ex-premier says. <http://goo.gl/Xui4Zh>

After realizing that it's impossible to create Novorossiya, the Kremlin will move to a new tactic for destabilizing Ukraine. It will bribe military officers, special services and police with the aim of organizing a military coup to remove the 1 legally elected government in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/SVLT6p>

No one has admitted responsibility for the disturbances on Oct 14 when masked protesters tried to storm the parliament and attack police. A marginal group hankering for a military junta to take control seems the likeliest candidate, though multiple questions remain unanswered. <http://khp.org/en/index.php?id=1413509910>

Police officer suspected of being agent provocateur during Rada clashes on Oct.14, arrested. <http://goo.gl/RTZdwQ>

According to research, Ukrainians strongly oppose Russian aggression. <http://goo.gl/4fouHc>

As Ukraine becomes a cradle of creativity at ridiculing Russian President Vladimir Putin, a GfK poll released Oct.14 explains why. Some 41 percent of Ukrainians say they hate Putin, while 34 percent say they despise him. <http://goo.gl/7ek7VR>

Russia appears to have suffered setbacks over Ukraine and over Moscow's muscle-flexing in the Baltic Sea. German intelligence is reportedly convinced pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine downed the Malaysian airliner in July, and Sweden is now scouring its coastal waters for what could be a crippled Russian submarine. <http://goo.gl/L9WFfv>

Discussions about the effectiveness of sanctions made fruitful ground for speculations by those inclined to fish in troubled waters. Some French business representatives openly ignore the EU restrictions, declaring a readiness to invest in Crimea and other partnerships with Russia. <http://goo.gl/FsklzU>

What Went Wrong With EuroMaidan Reformers? <http://goo.gl/HZrXyl>

Many in Moscow and the West have seen Russia's campaign in Ukraine as something new; but in fact, according to a Russian blogger in a post that has been republished by Moscow media, Russia has been using "hybrid warfare" with enormous success for centuries. <http://goo.gl/SfDBCc>

Defenders of Donetsk airport force attackers to desert “I do not want war to change me”

Oct.20. The situation in the Eastern regions of Ukraine. (map). <http://goo.gl/6zWFAc>

Up to 3,000 Russian irregulars and hundreds of military vehicles have been amassed near Debaltseve, about 75 km from Donetsk. More than 60 artillery barrages have been reported in the last 24 hours (Oct 20), as reported by D. Tymchuk.(Rus) <http://goo.gl/nB4JBM>

OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine Oct 17 report: The situation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remains volatile, whereas other parts of the country are calm. <http://goo.gl/hxz14W>

The battle for this strategically and symbolically crucial object – Donetsk International Airport - has reduced the formerly state-of-the-art air hub to ruins, while transforming the airport's Ukrainian defenders into national heroes whose heroics have seen them dubbed as 'cyborgs' by their disbelieving opponents.

<http://goo.gl/WRlth>; video <http://goo.gl/tbGzEc> ; <http://goo.gl/Ckb3XP>

Desertion rate at over 70% for the “DNR” terrorist squad of former police officers specially formed to assault the

Donetsk airport. <http://goo.gl/8wXLMP>

“I do not want a war to change me” says Donetsk cyborg. (Ukr) <http://tyzhden.ua/Society/121513>

Ukraine's Heroes: A soldier says he is going back to war as soon as he feels better. <http://goo.gl/sCCq9T>

Anarchy in the Donbas: Russian proxies turn on each other. (Map of occupied territory) <http://goo.gl/vi0beZ>

Religion as a Weapon: Putin Uses Religion as a Political Tool in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/EaVkfT>

A month in captivity in the “Donetsk People’s Republic”. <http://goo.gl/3xoVBO>

The Coalition for Combating Discrimination in Ukraine [CCD] is calling on the Ukrainian government and international community to pay heed to systematic rights violations in the Crimea under Russian occupation and to impose international sanctions.

<http://khp.org/en/index.php?id=1413462458>

Crimes of pro-Russian militants against civilians in Donbas: kidnapping, looting and executions.

<http://goo.gl/MrbPs8>

Left: Top 10 photos from Russians on Russia. <http://goo.gl/luxKDe>

Right: “Ukrainians try to identify each person killed. The other side just puts people into one pit”. <http://goo.gl/kCFfx>



4,360 Russian soldiers killed in war, officials acknowledge only 900

Russian human rights representative published data on 4,360 Russian soldiers killed in war in Ukraine, while authorities acknowledge only 900. <http://goo.gl/Whh8Wa>

Russia this week: Sakharov Center in Moscow attacked during LGBT Meeting. More at: <http://goo.gl/JSQtPP>

As the Russian ruble plunges to record lows and the Central Bank ramps up market interventions to defend it, few want to mention Aug. 17, 1998. <http://goo.gl/NtKQ1y>

The Russian Justice Ministry has announced it will classify the St. Petersburg wing of the Soldiers Mothers Committee human rights organisation as a foreign agent. The organisation has publicly accused Russia of sending troops into east Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/yyHuly>

Russian authorities have reportedly detained a local head of Soldiers Mothers that has publicly alleged direct Russian troop involvement in neighbouring Ukraine. The head of the Soldiers' Mothers Committee from the Budennovsk branch in Russia's Stavropol region, 73-year-old Lyudmila

Bogatenkova was said to have been detained on suspicion of fraud. <http://goo.gl/LBUI5y> ; <http://goo.gl/rvc8wP>

Russia plans new air force base with fighter jets in eastern Belarus. The airfield will be based in Babruysk, some 380 kilometres north of Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/vH83id>

Ten years after the terrorist attack on School No. 1 in Beslan, relatives of some of the 330 civilians killed, including 186 children, have finally been heard at the European Court of Human Rights. <http://goo.gl/uS4rOx>

Amnesty International, Greenpeace, and a number of prominent German NGOs, including the Heinrich Böll Foundation, are not attending the annual ‘Petersburg Dialogue’ Forum because of Russia’s actions in Ukraine and the repressions against civic organizations in Russia. <http://goo.gl/XXbgsE>

Parliament adopts anti-corruption legislation

Supporters of dictator laws try to stay in parliament

The adoption of vital anti-corruption legislation, including on the creation of a national anti-corruption bureau, was marred by criticism of amendments which anti-corruption campaigners believe may cripple the laws. <http://goo.gl/zYvVp1> ; <http://goo.gl/AOmChf>

Ukraine's parliament finally adopted Law №3541 which makes real reform of the Public Prosecutor's Office possible. Considering that the reform was a condition of Ukraine's joining the Council of Europe back in 1995, Ukraine's legislators cannot be praised for fast work, but at least they got there. <http://goo.gl/YXT31E> ; <http://goo.gl/XIB9kj>

The Ukrainian Government has carried out the first lustration cases with 39 high level civil servants expected to be dismissed. <http://goo.gl/0hbEZn>

Some 133 lawmakers who voted to curb free speech and free assembly in a failed bid to keep President Viktor Yanukovich in power are on the ballot for the Oct. 26 election, an election watchdog says. <http://goo.gl/jza1hO>

Since the beginning of 2014, Ukraine has consumed 16% less natural gas as compared to the same period in 2013. <http://goo.gl/jEksPr>

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is ready to invest USD 3 billion in constructing the Ukrainian part of the Urengoy-Pomary-Uzhgorod oil pipeline. <http://goo.gl/1XW90Z>

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko signed a Decree to create the Council on Judicial Reform and appointed Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Oleksiy Filatov as its coordinator. <http://goo.gl/qIn5GI>

European companies reverse supply Ukraine with natural gas purchased from Gazprom. <http://goo.gl/iqwK81>

Gas consumption is a multi-faceted problem in Ukraine. The most pressing issues touch on intergovernmental relations, institutional reform, environmental and energy conservation, and social care policy. <http://goo.gl/MUtOce>

Claims that an end has been put to the age of offshore accounting may be overly optimistic; however, a law passed on Tuesday making it mandatory to reveal the real owners of companies is undoubtedly a good step. <http://goo.gl/DDfKDR>

Small businesses show off their products as consumers look for Ukraine-made stuff. <http://goo.gl/K28mzR>

Quality and low cost are the main reasons why outsourcing software development companies choose Ukraine as the place for engineering talent. The \$2 billion dollar industry enjoys double-digit yearly growth. <http://goo.gl/vL6HM7>

Left: The conflict with Russia officially reaches Ukrainian stores.

<http://goo.gl/hgesLR>

Right: Defiant captured Ukrainian navigator Nadiya Savchenko inspires her country.

<http://goo.gl/8iI8o5>



Canadian surgeons to operate on EuroMaidan, war victims in Ukraine

Warriors for Righteousness

A team of 25 Canadian medical professionals, including eight surgeons, will arrive in Ukraine on Nov. 7 to perform reconstructive surgery for Ukrainians injured during the EuroMaidan Revolution and Russia's war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/IGkIMm>

Warriors for Righteousness: Armen Nikohosian, the Ukrainian-Armenian who performs surgery on wounded soldiers in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/gNMH6N>

A group of Russian human rights activists plans to protest

against the trial of Ukrainian pilot Nadezhda Savchenko who was captured in eastern Ukraine and brought to Russia to face charges of participating in the killing of two Russian journalists. <http://goo.gl/aLJpxt>

On Oct 14, the last day possible for adopting vital legislation on internally displaced people, civic activists staged a picket outside parliament but to no avail. <http://goo.gl/W9E4rc>

Wonderful Ukrainian autumn, 25 photos
<http://goo.gl/WXG6m9>
 Left: Carpathian mountains from Pip Ivan

Right: Ukrainian Fashion Week: First day collections.
<http://goo.gl/5O8fGn>



Ukrainian startups take all 19 awards at IDCEE 2014

Ukrainian tech companies Kwambio and Petcube received the highest recognition at Investor Day Central and Eastern Europe (IDCEE), a conference for startups that took place in Kyiv on Oct. 9-10. Overall, 19 startups took home prizes that range from mentorships to up to \$19,000 in cash winnings. <http://goo.gl/156WjZ>

IT Ukraine. 6 well-known IT companies were founded by Ukrainians: Paymentwall, Grammarly, Terrasoft, InvisibleCRM, DepositPhotos, and Jooble. Read more (Rus) <http://goo.gl/2ltBE9>



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