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Rise up, Ukraine!

Protestors seize state administration buildings all over Ukraine

January 25 and 26, 2014. People all over Ukraine began taking over the Oblast (Region) Local State Administration buildings. In Western regions the State Administrations have recognized the authority of the People's Council created at Maidan in Kyiv. Protestors were blocked in their attempts to seize the government buildings in Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhya, Chernihiv, and Kherson oblasts, while the Sumy and Cherkasy districts were occupied for only a short time. In the East – in Zaporizhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, Kharkiv - mass demonstrations are still being held near local administrations. See the map for details. Massive repressions, tortures and arrests have been reported in these cities. Watch videos from the seizure of the state administrations in Rivne, Khmelnytskyi, and Sumy at

<http://goo.gl/hSnIGA>

Businessmen of Crimea formed the initiative “For Crimea without Dictatorship” and announced their support for Maidan. Read more (in Russian) at <http://goo.gl/3o65u2>

January 26. Multiple journalists were injured in Zaporizhzhya on Jan. 26 as police cleaned out the square where about 10,000 protesters were trying to seize the oblast government's state administration building. Read more details at <http://goo.gl/LsaOSQ>

In Dnipropetrovsk the attempt to seize the state administration building was thwarted by police and hired thugs (“titushki”). In clashes with titushki people were beaten, and journalists shot with traumatic weapons.

Watch video at <http://goo.gl/E9q6MW>

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Map of Ukraine showing: regions where oblast state administrations have been seized by citizens; mass rallies; and attempts at administration building seizure.

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Prime Minister Mykola Azarov resigns. Ukrainian Parliament repeals 9 of 12 of the January 16th anti-democratic laws

January 28, 2014. Ukrainian parliament has cancelled 9 of the 12 “dictatorship laws” adopted in mid-January, including one that called for imprisonment of up to 15 years for participating in peaceful demonstrations. By repealing the laws through an official voting method, Parliament demonstrated that the laws were themselves legal. The laws were passed on January 16, 2014 using procedures that violated normal voting protocols, including no official vote counting.

An Amnesty law is still to be considered by the Parliament at a 4pm session today as a prerequisite for continued negotiations. Read more at <http://goo.gl/JKOkdy>

Prime Minister Mykola Azarov resigns. If President Viktor Yanukovich accepts Azarov's resignation, this action may help move both sides in Ukraine's political crisis closer to settlement. Amnesty laws still need to be considered and adopted. Meeting these first crucial requirements will herald the opportunity to introduce further political requests, such as constitutional reform decreasing presidential power. The following hours and days will be full of hard negotiations.

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

Opposition leaders and Maidan refused Yanukovich's deals. The regime takes new hostages

On January 25, during the third round of negotiations between Viktor Yanukovich and the opposition leaders, the former offered a deal in exchange for the people's withdrawal from Maidan and Hrushevskogo street. The deal included offering the post of Prime-Minister to opposition leader Arseniy Yatsenuik and a promise to release political prisoners, as well as a to introduce changes to the "dictatorship laws". Nothing was said about the disposition of the Ministers and Party of Regions officials who were responsible for giving order to use violence against protestors. The opposition did not accept the conditions offered by President Viktor Yanukovich. Negotiations continue.

Read more info on negotiations at <http://goo.gl/MMfGDM>

January 26, 2014. Six people are missing, four people are confirmed dead and more than 90 have been detained in Kyiv and in the regions on various accusations related to participation in protests, reports EuroMaidan SOS. Please read the updated list of people who have suffered under the bloody Yanukovich regime at <http://goo.gl/XrQgdk>

January 26, 2014. During the night from Friday to Saturday, January 25th, the Obolon' district court (Kyiv) sentenced 14 AutoMaidan participants to two months in prison, and two others were placed under house arrest. Read more at <http://goo.gl/ISX42J>

January 24, 2014. Eleven people were detained in Moscow while attempting to hold an demonstration in solidarity with EuroMaidan in Kyiv. Read more at <http://goo.gl/194tef>

A woman with a cross talking to riot police officers, Hrushevskogo street, Kyiv January 26, 2014



Who shot activists?

Police using combat ammunition to disperse street protests

At least a handful of ammunition for Kalashnikov assault rifles or Simonov carbines were recovered from the snow on the roof of the Ukrainian House (Evropeyska Square in central Kyiv). This building was taken over by protesters on January 26.

Ammunition was scattered in an area of the roof where barricades and protester camps on Hrushevskoho are clearly visible. Activists believe that snipers were working from the Ukrainian House rooftop. **"The question of whether they were shooting at us or not is not the question. You cannot assume that someone walked here and just scattered ammunition for military firearms"** - said an Afghanistan war veteran.

See the video at <http://goo.gl/swXnSk>

The Ministry of Internal Affairs requested the Ministry of Defense supply a list of lethal and non-lethal munition and military tools that could be used by MIA. The list includes pistol cartridges and combat grenades.

Read more details in English at <http://goo.gl/Wq7UKX>

During a session at the World Economic Forum in Davos, former MP, 2012 Minister of Economic Development and businessman Petro Poroshenko displayed the spent bullets used by the riot police to shoot protestors. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/faCQ1G>

“Yanukovych, this is your last stop!” Protesters on Hrushevskogo street use road signs as shields.



We are not extremists!

Russian scenario of the Ukrainian political crisis

Political expert Volodymyr Kulyk discussed the role of radical protestors at Maidan and argues that **“it is wrong to say that radical slogans invalidate the value of protest as a manifestation of the democratic and European aspirations of the Ukrainian people.”** Read the full article at <http://goo.gl/eE6FiY>

We are not extremists! read the open letter from Ukrainian scholars, scientists, artists, doctors, lawyers, pedagogues, and journalists to their fellow citizens and to the international community at <http://goo.gl/gNpAXG>

NaUKMA associate professor Myhailo Wynnytskyi says of Russian influence in the Ukrainian political crisis:

“the interests of Russia seem to be self-evident: police brutality was supposed to have pushed Yanukovych irrevocably away from the EU and increased his dependency on Russia.”. Read more at <http://goo.gl/MP4IX6>

Melik Kaylan put it even more straightforward: **“it is Putin who destabilized Ukraine!”**. Read more at <http://goo.gl/hHj33y>

Four of the largest misconceptions about the protests in Ukraine. Please read the article at <http://goo.gl/TRCxGC>

Ukrainians around the world express solidarity with Maidan!

Ukrainians protested at the Davos, Switzerland World Economic Forum for more than 26 hours. Read more at <http://goo.gl/vSbtdT>

Hundreds of Ukrainian-Canadians gathered outside Toronto City Hall in Canada to protest the violence used against protests in Kyiv. See more at <http://goo.gl/UR8NSU>

300 people massed in the street outside the Ukrainian Embassy in Dublin, Northern Ireland to express support

for the Ukrainian revolution. See photos <http://goo.gl/TpFjdt>

In Berlin people silently laid on the ground in front of the Brandenburg Gate for hours to express their support for the political prisoners and victims of the Yanukovych regime. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/Avcbva>

Maidan activists call for sanctions against Ukrainian authorities. See the video appeal at <http://goo.gl/iR01k6>

Physically-challenged protesters at Maidan ask police: “WILL YOU SHOOT US TOO?”



More than 60 journalists injured during clashes in Kyiv, regions.

The list of injured Ukrainian and international journalists now includes 60 names. Read more at <http://goo.gl/oA3uAT>

Reporters Without Borders expressed concern about the unprecedented level of violence against journalists covering the events in Kyiv and the regions (oblasts). RWB state that “*The many acts of deliberate violence against journalists by members of the special forces and others must be fully and impartially investigated.*”. Read the full statement at <http://goo.gl/THGohr>

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