



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 69

### New explosion in Odesa

#### Russia hires wanted ex-interior minister

Russia has concentrated some 60,000 troops on the Ukrainian border, and the likelihood of a full-scale Russian attack remains high. <http://goo.gl/UOHFGz>

Mar 28. Four transport columns bringing fuel, ammunition, spare parts and special equipment arrived in Donbas from Russia. <http://goo.gl/0cc3lb>

Mar 28. Unidentified people exploded a bomb at the entrance of the single-storey building housing a civil volunteers' center in Odesa. <http://goo.gl/cmBUhl>

EU-Ukraine summit scheduled for April 27 in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/HDXZvo>

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko welcomed the first 10 Humvees provided by the U.S. as part of non-lethal military aid. The vehicles were handed over to units fighting Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. It's expected that a total of 230 Humvees will be delivered within the next 45 days. (Video) <http://goo.gl/nnDdNs>

Ukraine's fugitive former Interior Minister Vitaliy Zakharchenko was appointed a consultant for the Russian parliament's committee on property. His job is to help protect Russian investment abroad. <http://goo.gl/aICmCj>

The week in numbers: 18 – the number of gas fields in annexed Crimea have been seized and illegally exploited by Russia. 85% – the percentage of Crimea's budget subsidized by Russia, as estimated by Russian experts. More at <http://goo.gl/h5oekj>

Ukraine Today news outlet now available on ONO, the largest broadcast network in Spain. <http://goo.gl/CXuiQ8>

Ukraine has finally taken a major step towards penalizing vessels which breach Ukrainian law and flout the UN resolution on Crimea by entering Crimean ports under Russian occupation. <http://goo.gl/FHW81s>

Former employees of Russia's best-known "troll farm" reveal what the operation looks like from the inside. <http://goo.gl/JT8P7V>

Left: March 28 rally aimed at easing concerns that Ukraine is at risk of unravelling into privately-ruled fiefdoms.

<http://goo.gl/mipYbS>

(video)

<http://goo.gl/DDMI2X>



Julie Ratsybarska / RadioSvoboda.Org (RFE/RL)

### Soros: Europe's ignorance of Ukraine terrible mistake

#### Russian arrested for viewing Ukrainian sites online

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Should the US Send Lethal Aid to Ukraine? (Video) <http://goo.gl/ZTikXr>

McCain: Putin is preparing to strike Mariupol and pressure Baltic States and Poland. (Video) <http://goo.gl/IDgMnp>

Ukraine is Putin's Afghanistan — Polish analyst. <http://goo.gl/RfiDR7>

Kateryna Vologzheninova, a resident of Yekaterinburg, Russia, has been accused of collaborating with the Right Sector because she had viewed and reposted information from Ukrainian internet sites. <http://goo.gl/undL7m>

Canadian Minister says Putin is a "terrorist" (video) <http://goo.gl/ml3eOr>

To See Ukraine's Future, Recall Crimea <http://goo.gl/SQicpq>

## US paratroopers to begin training Ukrainian soldiers

### Clashes renew as 22 Russian tanks cross the border into Ukraine

Mar 30. Situation in Ukraine's eastern region. See map at <http://goo.gl/sxmcKU>

Mar 29. Two Wounded in Ukraine Clashes as 22 Russian Tanks Reported Crossing Border from Russia into conflict zone <http://goo.gl/8m65fj>

Mar 28. Multiple violations of Minsk ceasefire reported: Pro-Russian militants used Grad multiple rocket launcher to fire at the Ukrainian military blockpost #29 in the evening of Mar.27; 20 more missiles hit Novotoshkivske village, Luhansk region. <http://goo.gl/xWGdli> ; Half of 40 rockets reportedly launched by militants landed in residential areas. <http://goo.gl/jTXNnv>

Mar 28. Spot report by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine on the escalation of the situation in Shyrokyne and the aggressive treatment of SMM at "DPR" checkpoint at Shyrokyne. <http://goo.gl/B2zKZd>

OSCE: up to 60% of buildings in Shyrokyne destroyed. <http://goo.gl/npx181>

Ukraine Navy Chief: Russia's got enough forces to attack Ukraine from the sea.(Video) <http://goo.gl/b4nVcV>

Mar 25. President Poroshenko signed a law to increase the size of the Armed Forces of Ukraine up to 250

thousand servicemen. <http://goo.gl/haCWjM>

Mar 27. The Ukrainian regime is out to suppress the movement of volunteer servicemen because it fears them, said Rada lawmaker and commander of 'Donbas' battalion of volunteers Semen Semenchenko. <http://goo.gl/8idxyr>

As the Ukrainian government seeks to merge volunteer battalions fighting in the east into the country's official armed forces, one group has defiantly refused to lay down their arms. <http://goo.gl/b1MzP7>

The Security Service of Ukraine detained over thirty offenders while investigating the killing of a SBU officer and conducting a special clean-up operation aimed at removing illegal firearms, smuggled goods and marauders from the ATO area.

<http://goo.gl/xD1kTy>

In 2012, 80% of Ukraine's Secret Service agents were recruited by Russia FSB, President Poroshenko.

<http://goo.gl/csOrRL>

Russian hopes of money, glory die on Ukraine battlefields. <http://goo.gl/ul7HOI>

US paratroopers to begin training Ukraine army in April (Video) <http://goo.gl/E34kEw>

Residents of eastern Ukrainian frontline town of Shchastya (*Happiness*) living in fear. Video. <http://goo.gl/T3tbMW>



## Savchenko: New charge dismissed as 'technical mistake'

### Guilty for being Ukrainian: Russian court convicts Maidan activist

Moscow's Basmany Court has agreed to call a further charge in the indictment against Nadiya Savchenko, one that carries a 20-year prison sentence, a "technical mistake". It found no problem with the investigators merging together two other charges against the Ukrainian pilot, one of which was announced the day after PACE demanded her release within 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/YzP5TC>

Iconic Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who remains in Russian custody, has been immortalised by the Ukrainian post office. Savchenko now appears on a range of postal stamps, with the post office calling for her to be released 'as soon as possible'. <http://goo.gl/cci2vK>

Guilty of being Ukrainian: Russian court sentences Maidan activist to 2 years. <http://goo.gl/pEbLY2>

# Ukraine says it will stop buying Russian gas in April 2015

## Powerful governor and oligarch Kolomoyskiy resigns

Soros says ready to invest \$1 billion in Ukraine if West helps. <http://goo.gl/wuOsr0>

Ukrainian President Poroshenko has set up an ad hoc team tasked with recovering assets illegally siphoned abroad by former officials. <http://goo.gl/2YkmSR>

Finance minister opens new fronts in battle over Ukraine's debt. <http://goo.gl/IA2eIS>

Powerful Ukrainian Governor Kolomoyskiy Resigns. <http://goo.gl/kXTUUt>

For the past year, Ukraine's government has enlisted the help of the country's powerful oligarchs in fighting its war against pro-Russian separatists. This week a new war opened up, pitting the government against Kolomoyskiy, one of the very oligarchs it had relied upon. <http://goo.gl/KS490G>

President Poroshenko and former Dnipropetrovsk Regional Governor Kolomoyskiy met in Dnipropetrovsk on Thursday to hold a joint press conference. They announced that there was no conflict between them. <http://goo.gl/gYIKgC>

Power Play: Control of state-owned oil company at

center of Kolomoyskiy fight. <http://goo.gl/wNwcSd>

Two Ukrainian Officials Detained On Corruption Charges To Be Released. <http://goo.gl/a0dSQd>

Ukrainian police detained Emergency Situations Service Head Serhiy Bochkovskiy and his deputy Vasyl Stoyetskiy in the midst of a government session being broadcast live on television on March 25. Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said the two were being investigated on suspicion of corruption connected to offshore companies. (Video) <http://goo.gl/Rct8jb>

Ukraine Says It Will Stop Buying Russian Gas In April. <http://goo.gl/YEh86b>

Kidnapping case against Yanukovich ally Kernes submitted to court. <http://goo.gl/Zpx2If>

Poroshenko offers Right Sector leader Defense Ministry job. <http://goo.gl/4hhYpJ>

Ukraine cut gas consumption by 18% in March 2015 compared to March 2014. (Rus) See info graphic <http://goo.gl/ca5gEv>

Left: "Son of Crimea": documentary tells the struggle of Crimean Tatars to return to their homeland. Watch online.

<http://goo.gl/IzBQ9D>

Right: Catching Up

With the Future  
The present and future of IT business in



## 'Fear and Despair' for Tatar activists in Crimea

### Putin's Crimea confessions expose Russia's ideology of cynicism

The only Crimean Tatar television channel in Crimea could be closed down on April 1 if it is unable to register with the Russian government. <http://goo.gl/9KJ4tV>

Ethnic Ukrainians in the Russian Far East, the descendants of Ukrainians who moved there voluntarily in late tsarist times and forcibly in Soviet ones, are being harassed by Russians there for their support of Ukraine, even as Russians in Crimea are threatening the Crimean Tatars with deportation to that faraway region. <http://goo.gl/4cg456>

Russia's Age of Cynicism: Putin shamelessly lied to the world about Crimea, and now proudly admits it in new film. <http://goo.gl/82BGpt>

Around 8,000 of the total 42,000 undergraduate students studying in Crimea in 2014 transferred to universities in

mainland Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/vU9NGk>

Crimea: Russia's Illegal Occupation Tanks Tourism (Video) <http://goo.gl/dVsm0E>

'Fear and Despair' For Tatar Activists in Russian Crimea

<http://goo.gl/vT00o3>

Crimean Tatar national movement activist Kurtseit Abdullayev prosecuted over a Ukrainian flag. <http://goo.gl/CJt3IS>

Less than a week after being elected First Deputy Head of the Mejlis, or Crimean Tatar representative assembly, Nariman Dzhelyal has been subjected to a five-hour interrogation and a search of his home.

<http://goo.gl/HB0dWU>

Left: Ukrainian wins 2015 Queen & Beauty Universe contest

Right: Kamyanets Podilsky castle. Top 10 castles in Ukraine (photos, Ukr)  
<http://goo.gl/SKoMRw>



## A Welcome First: Ukraine's first university student with Down Syndrome

19-year-old Lutsk-resident Bohdan Kravchuk lives with Down Syndrome. Recently, he became a first year student in the history faculty of Lesya Ukrainka East European National University. <http://goo.gl/6kFQGE>

27 reasons NOT to visit Ukraine. (Ukr, photos)  
<http://goo.gl/zpSrqr>

Lilly, the Hetman's Daughter. Yelyzaveta Skoropadska in art, politics and charity in some of the most tragic

years of Ukrainian history.

<http://ukrainianweek.com/History/132909>

14-year-old painter from Kyiv donates over 10 tons of food to Ukrainian soldiers by selling her paintings. VIDEO, ukr <http://goo.gl/v1Czo8>

Physically-challenged volunteer receives an award for collecting 300,000 UAH for ATO fighters.  
<http://goo.gl/N95Z93>

Narcisse valley. "Flower land" photo gallery of 5 places to travel in Ukraine in spring. <http://vsviti.com.ua/nature/14627>



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