



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### EU must work harder to combat Russian information war Disagreements shadow EU Eastern Partnership Summit

During the May 21-22 EU Eastern Partnership Summit, Armenia and Belarus tried to block text that referred to Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine in March 2014 as "illegal." Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine appear to scored a minor victory by getting member states to accept wording in the declaration that participants "acknowledge the European aspirations and European choice of the partners concerned." <http://goo.gl/qOqcsV>

The EU must work harder to combat Russian information war, says Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė. <http://goo.gl/qZl2vF>

Russia is poised to use its armed forces to expand further into former Soviet states, said Georgia's president, calling on the West never to accept any

Russian aggression. <http://goo.gl/3loAlm>

Ukraine open to hosting missile-defense system. <http://goo.gl/nvUfDt>

Warsaw renames street named after Heroes of Euromaidan. <http://goo.gl/sLUNsv>

Russian reporter asks his embassy to visit the captured soldiers, gets a 'day-off' response (VIDEO) <http://goo.gl/SrUCda>

Overwhelming evidence of ongoing war crimes, including torture and summary killings of prisoners, serve as a stark reminder of the brutal practices being committed on a near-daily basis in the conflict in eastern Ukraine, Amnesty International report. <http://goo.gl/gm1QyF>

Left: Ukrainian, Georgian, and Moldovan activists hand in posters with signatures for a symbolic Ukraine-EU membership application in Riga. <http://goo.gl/bTsule>

Right: May 24. Parade of vyshyvankas in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/9lXNA>



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The West appears to have accepted the deal Vladimir Putin has been offering for the last month, agreeing not to challenge Russia's annexation of Crimea de facto in exchange for the Kremlin leader's declaration that he will recognize the territorial integrity of the rest of Ukraine and not expand his campaign against Kyiv. Andrey Piontkovsky. <http://goo.gl/E20UYO>

One of Ukraine's most influential oligarchs Rinat Akhmetov is beginning to lose status. Placing his bets on Viktor Yanukovich has turned out to have been a

mistake. His next bet, on the 'separatists,' which he made immediately after Yanukovich fled Ukraine, has only brought him greater losses. Still, this does not mean that the powerful Donetsk billionaire is broken or defeated. As in 2004, the Donetsk clan is counting on a comeback. <http://goo.gl/kzKo4a>

Cutting access to their financial resources is the most effective way to leave the representatives of the old regime with no chance for a comeback. <http://goo.gl/caaXTS>

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## Top Separatist Commander Killed In Eastern Ukraine

### OSCE: Fighters Captured in Ukraine Admit To Serving in Russia Army

May 25. Russian irregulars continue to shell Ukrainian army and National Guard positions in spite of the armistice agreement. (Video) <http://en.censor.net.ua/v337431>

May 24. Reports say Aleksei Mozgovoi, a leading pro-Russian separatist commander in eastern Ukraine, has been killed along with at least six other rebels in an attack by an unknown group. <http://goo.gl/CKr6vg> ; <http://goo.gl/wKTdvG> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/CHDnq7>

May 24. Donbas militants continue using banned weapons. <http://goo.gl/pBffs0>

May 24. Heavy shelling in eastern Ukraine has halted production at a coke plant operated by Ukraine's largest steel company. <http://goo.gl/6IJa7V>

After nearly six months in captivity, a Ukrainian commander, one of the defenders of Donetsk airport, has been released by Donetsk rebels. <http://goo.gl/VEjWEh>

Two suspected Russian soldiers captured in eastern Ukraine have said they were on a mission for Russia's military when they were seized, contradicting Moscow's claim that the two men were not active servicemen. <http://goo.gl/y8BLKs> ; OSCE: Fighters Captured in Ukraine Admit To Serving in Russia Army. <http://goo.gl/li00eC>

Russian GRU officer captured in Ukraine: I thought they would kill me. (Video) <http://goo.gl/P7ojx3>

Russia's Defense Ministry has identified two fighters captured in Ukraine as former servicemen in the Russian military — a concession that echoes rights advocates' claims that Moscow has been discharging its soldiers from the army before sending them to fight alongside separatists in the Donbass. <http://goo.gl/rIqP8Q>

The SBU will provide international authorities with the names and ranks of Russian soldiers who, while executing criminal orders and with arms, illegally crossed the Ukrainian state border and took part in terrorist acts against civilians and the Armed Forces of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/5J6NHG>

May 22. The SMM observed that the number of ceasefire violations decreased as compared to previous days, and were limited to a small number in and around Donetsk and Donetsk airport. The SMM observed no ceasefire violations in or around Shyrokyne. At Donetsk airport, the SMM monitored the recovery of human remains. <http://goo.gl/SqsAEa>

Ready To Fight: Right Sector fighters come from all parts of political spectrum, not just the right wing. <http://goo.gl/5xkFAf>

Left: Volunteers organize wounded soldiers' rehabilitation

Right: May 24. Russian military vehicles moving to Ukraine border in Rostov region, Russia (photo by Reuters) <http://goo.gl/6MMIDZ>



## New Crimean regime even worse than Soviet one

### Vyshyvanka Day in Crimea: Detention, Interrogation & Ghoulish Threats

Mustafa Dzhemilev: New Crimean regime is even worse than the Soviet one. <http://goo.gl/oTGnBS>

“Terror in Crimea” Documentary dedicated to the 71 anniversary of deportation of Crimean Tatars. (Video) <http://goo.gl/jlNhqJ>

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<http://goo.gl/ncj9Ee>

Human rights defender and activist Yurii Yatsenko has finally been released. The Lviv State University law student was captured in Russia over a year ago on fabricated accusations. Short story (Video) <https://goo.gl/vt2ive>; Interview (Video) <https://goo.gl/bV2Amm>

## Ukraine reduces gas consumption by 20%

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Ukrainians are becoming more dissatisfied with the performance of the government – poll. <http://goo.gl/hnnSkH>

Ukraine in April 2015 reduced consumption of natural gas by 20.4%, compared with April 2014, to 2.33 billion cubic meters, reports the State Statistics Service of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/3K8oYX>

Economist: War-torn reform. Ukraine's government is making some progress, but much more needs to be done. <http://goo.gl/0fx0QF>

A broken system and close ties between institutions and politicians lead to questionable degrees for Ukraine's political elite. The Editorial Board of

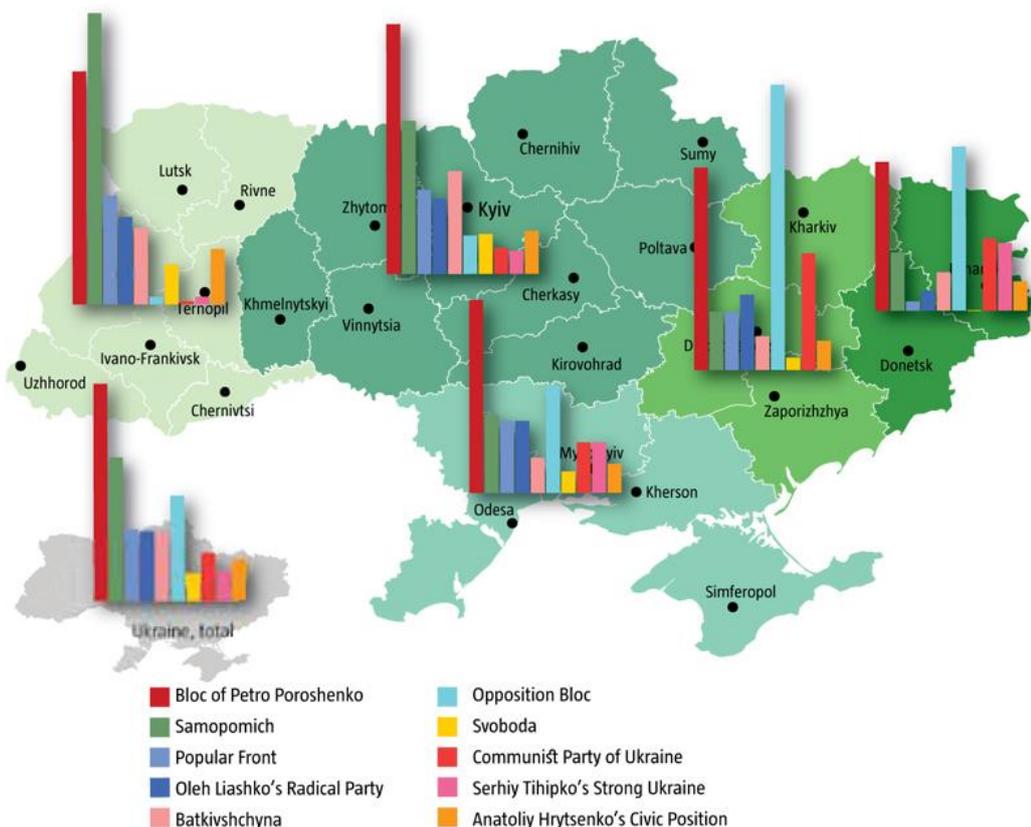
VoxUkraine assesses corruption risks of institutions awarding academic degrees in Economics. <http://goo.gl/KhlLbg>

On Police reform. A brief description of the changes due to take place this year in the Ukrainian police force. <http://goo.gl/Y9j2gB>

For the second time in the space of a few weeks, investigative journalists probing corruption within the Interior Ministry have come under attack. The film crew was from the same programme whose findings recently led to the top Traffic Police official losing his job. <http://goo.gl/8dnocZ>

Political Redesign. Shifts in electoral preferences in the countdown to local elections. Razumkov Centre. <http://goo.gl/jcl9yD>

If the general election took place next Sunday, what party would you vote for?, %



Ukrainians celebrated Vyshyvanka Day. This is a day when people in Ukraine and abroad wear Ukrainian traditional embroidered shirts, or vyshyvankas.

<http://goo.gl/NFlmaj>

Left: Soldiers in vyshvankas received as gifts from volunteers

Right: Islamic Cultural Centre of Kyiv



## May 24. Annual "Mega March" of the vyshyvanka

May 24. Thousands of people joined the 15th annual "Mega March" of the vyshyvanka, or traditional embroidered shirt, in Kyiv. (Video) <http://goo.gl/WX784s>

Legend of the vyshyvanka. <http://goo.gl/3bhMOS>

Special for  
Vyshyvanka Day  
  
Beauty of Ukrainian  
Embroidery



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