



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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Maidan unites people of different nationalities. Atmosphere of mutual respect

The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov claims that democracy in Ukraine has changed into a “street democracy” of extremists, anti-Semites and racists. However, in reality, Maidan has united Ukrainians, Russians, Jews, Tatars, Armenians, Belarusians, and many other nationalities. Server Abibulayev, 55, the Crimean Tatar: *“I came to the Maidan from Bakhchisaray, I’m needed here, besides, I have nowhere to go back: because of my public position and the fight against corruption in local government, I was left with no family and no place to live. But even if I had a home, I wouldn’t go back, I defend my rights here and will stay until the victory. Until the time when we kick out this criminal power”*. Read more about the average people at Maidan and representatives of various ethnic groups at <http://goo.gl/LsejLP> (Eng)

“I have been in contact with activists from the “Right Sector” [“Pravy Sektor”, the Ukrainian far-right militant group], UNA-UNSO [Ukrainian National Assembly – Ukrainian People’s Self-Defence, a far-right political organization] – with all the people I

would probably not see eye-to-eye with during peaceful times. However, I present myself solely as a Jew, and a religious one at that. I have a lot of resistance guards – Georgians, Azerbaijani, Armenians, and Russians who do not even attempt to speak Ukrainian – we have never been intolerant to each other. They all are quite respectful of my faith – they already know what I can and cannot eat, etc. and this does not cause any hostility” –says the leader of the Jewish unit of the Maidan Self-Defence Forces (“Samoooborona”).

Read more at <http://goo.gl/oTT4os> (Eng)

“Who are the protesters in Ukraine?” Response to Washington Post article by Keith Darden and Lucan Way. A response from someone who has actually been (t)here. Read more at <http://goo.gl/15LzYM> (Eng)

Artist Alexander Roitburd: *“If we win - it is a celebration of human dignity. If there is a defeat - it will be a collective trauma and depression.”* More at <http://goo.gl/bZJsRS> (Rus)

A piano concert at the Hrushevskogo street barricades, as a part of the “Instrument of Freedom” national initiative of the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan



Repressions against peaceful protesters continue

No responsibility for police violence against peaceful protesters are named

On February 15, 2014 an Automaidan activist was killed and burned in his car in Zaporizhia. See more at <http://en.pravda.com.ua/> (Eng)

"A helmet to protect from headshots (mind you, a "PRESS" sticker will only increase your exposure as a target to the police)." – a Ukrainian journalist explains why he is wearing a helmet and balaclava while working at the barricades. Read more at <http://goo.gl/D2HmEy> (Eng)

Amnesty international started a global campaign against police impunity in Ukraine. More at <http://goo.gl/w0NISx> (Eng)

The "Amnesty law" is being used to free police from responsibility for beating students on November 30. Imprisoned protesters were sent to home arrest from custody, but are still at risk of facing 15 years imprisonment for participating in protests.

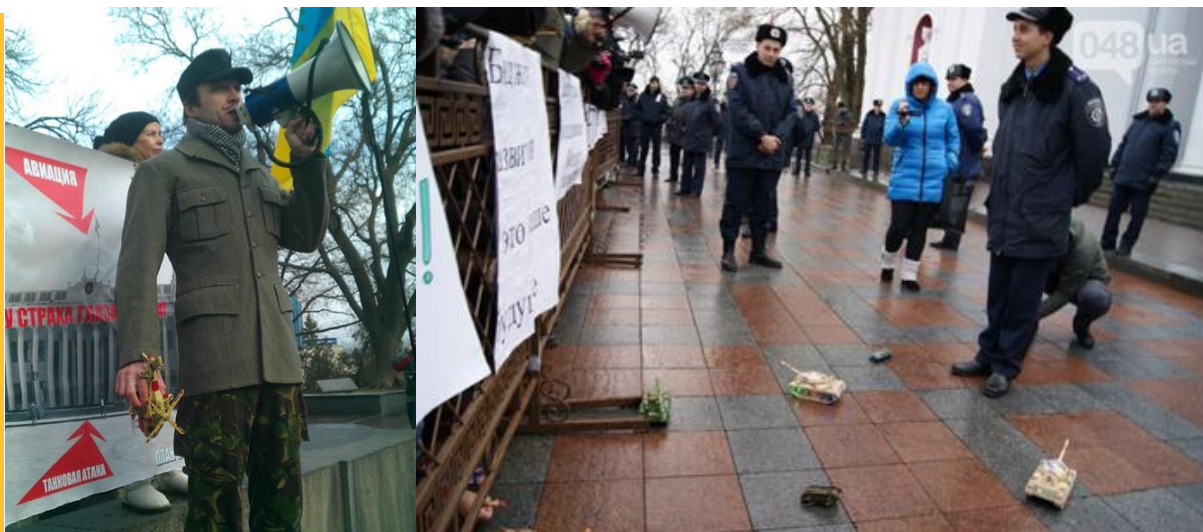
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<http://goo.gl/15LGIW> (Rus)

An American citizen was beaten in Crimea over EuroMaidan. Read more at <http://goo.gl/hJBZzh> (Eng)

See more photo and video proof of Berkut riot police shooting at and using violence against medical volunteers during street clashes here <http://goo.gl/gKgqYR> (Eng)

Toy tanks "attacking" Odessa city council building, guarded by a 200-person police unit and surrounded by a concrete fence. February 13, 2014



EuroMaidan activists have attacked Odessa City council with "tanks" Jokes and Art from the Ukrainian protest

13.02 EuroMaidan activists "attacked" Odessa city council with toy tanks and aviation in response to authorities blocking entrance to the city hall with concrete blocks as a preventive measure. Read more at <http://goo.gl/tP70qP> (Ukr)

10.02 Maidan Self defense unit heads had their shields painted by artists from the newly created Artist Unit. Artists spoke to self-defence representatives for an hour beforehand to understand the soul of each "warrior" and to decide what to paint. More at <http://goo.gl/PGxxZr> (Rus, fotoalbum) and <http://goo.gl/X2Oi6Z> (Ukr)

10.02. EuroMaidan needs music and beauty. The Ukrainian flag-colored piano, which became a symbol of peaceful protest in December, is again on the street in front of police lines. This time Civic Sector activists have placed it at the barricades on Hrushevskogo street, symbolising the need to return to a peaceful resolution. More at <http://goo.gl/EWYjtx> (Eng)

09.02. and 15.02. In most regional centres in Ukraine, activists have begun playing European and Ukrainian anthems on the central squares, thus continuing the piano revolution. In Lugansk, Anti-maidan representatives attacked Maidan activists and destroyed the piano because of its "National flag colours". See more at <http://goo.gl/I2mIOI> (Rus)

"I was a volunteer in the kitchen first, than I felt like playing piano. Now the piano is my weapon....I am happy that, in the place where I live, people have started buying lesson books on how to play piano after seeing the video of me playing in my mask"

Watch a video interview with the "extremist-pianist" of EuroMaidan at <http://goo.gl/fDIVIV> (Ukr)

A Cyber Unit has been formed at EuroMaidan in addition to the self-defence units which have already been strengthened already with the Women and Artists units. <http://goo.gl/EZtVOZ> (Ukr)

We need to change ourselves in order to change the country

“With an economy that is spiraling out of control, and with political forces both in Parliament and on the street at an impasse, an “end-game” of some sort must be coming.”, - Mychailo Wynnyckyj. Read more at <http://goo.gl/PgKcR1> (Eng)

“The problem of Ukraine is not one in which changing specific representatives of the criminal authorities can

solve the situation. We need to change the whole system so that it does not give a birth to new Yanukovychs and Zakharchenkos. And one of the elements of this system that we have to change is ourselves.”, - Volodymyr Viatrovych. Read more at <http://goo.gl/cq5rgR> (Eng)

“No politics; it is just against gangsters”, - Igor Lutsenko. Read more at <http://goo.gl/MfM3yR> (Eng)

“Soul on the shield”. Artists talking to the EuroMaidan self-defence warriors and painting their shields accordingly



Protesters took their step in negotiations. Now it's the authorities' turn

On February 16 EuroMaidan activists left the Kyiv City Administration building under the supervision of an OSCE Representative, Ambassador of Switzerland in Ukraine Christian Schoenenberger, as well as five regional administrations in the West and Center of Ukraine. They also partly dismantled the barricades on Hrushevskogo street. EuroMaidan activists are attempting to fulfill the conditions of the “Amnesty Law”, which is expected to come into force on February 17, 2014. The new head of the Kyiv City Administration confirmed that neither the building nor any administration property were damaged.

On February 16, 2014 protesters began waiting for the Prosecutor General's decision to withdraw all charges against all EuroMaidan political prisoners. If there will be such decision, all buildings will be taken back by protesters.

See more <http://goo.gl/eCbAHg> (Eng)

“A victim's short memory is a key to blackmailers' success” – a lawyer's opinion on the current negotiations between the opposition and the regime. Read more at <http://goo.gl/UeM0N4> (Eng)

“The Right Sector addressed ONU, EU and OSCE through an open letter. Read more at <http://goo.gl/zHlkRD> (Eng)

On February 16, the EuroMaidan Viche (Gathering) voted to increase the non-violent pressure on the regime. A large peaceful march to the Parliament has been scheduled for February 18th. Protesters plan to demand Constitutional reforms and a return to the 2004 Constitution. Read more at <http://goo.gl/4nC6Nm> (Eng)

“Open Access” is a series of short documentaries about corruption in Ukraine. The main film focuses on allegations of corruption involving President Viktor Yanukovich and investigates his allegedly illegal ownership of his residence in Mezhyhiria. Watch the

The 11-th
Maidan Viche
(Gathering) in
Kyiv continues
to gather large
crowds of
protestors.
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