



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 30

### Ukrainian Army liberates Sloviansk and Kramatorsk. Authorities begin to provide humanitarian aid, fix infrastructure

Ukraine's army has won full control of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk in Donetsk oblast, and central authorities are starting to repair critical infrastructure in these localities and provide supplies of food and water, as well as humanitarian aid to the residents. Read more at <http://goo.gl/twCN8j>

See photos from the liberated town of Sloviansk at <http://goo.gl/pFJ4Dn> and watch video of the military arsenal that terrorist left behind while leaving town: <http://goo.gl/82d2L7>

Pro-Russian terrorists have fled their stronghold in Sloviansk and headed to Donetsk. With a fierce onslaught of gunfire and mortar shelling, on July 5 Ukrainian government forces expelled pro-Russian insurgents from Slovyansk, a long-blockaded rebel stronghold, government officials and separatist leaders said. Read more at <http://goo.gl/cbf69k>

Battalion "Donbass" executed a successful operation to expel enemy forces from Donetsk. Read more at <http://goo.gl/bJPxql>

Ukraine won a decisive victory in its war-torn east on Saturday, July 5, when pro-Russia rebels fled their stronghold of Sloviansk after a week of heavy

bombardment by government forces. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko ordered the country's flag to be raised above the ravaged separatist bastion, which has been the epicenter of the three-month-long battle for the Donbass and the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Read more at <http://goo.gl/7QwZER>

Ukraine's new Defense Minister Valeriy Heletey pledged a continuation of the government's anti-terrorist operation (ATO) against the ongoing insurgency in the country's east until it is cleared of terrorists. Read more at <http://goo.gl/AKQJL7>

The insurgency is far from over, and Ukraine's leaders say they still fear a war with Russia that they would most certainly lose. Still, the recent success, however tentative, reflects what officials and analysts described as a remarkable, urgent transformation of the military and security apparatus in recent months. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Rrbz8d>

National Guard: 20 Russian tanks and 122 armored vehicles recorded in Luhansk region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/xonizk>

Left: Ukrainian Flag flying over liberated Sloviansk. July 5, 2014

Right: Ukrainian Army providing food and water to the citizens of Sloviansk.



## Ukrainian Army releases hostages kept in Sloviansk The government announces reforms in energy sector

Theatre director Pavlo Yurov and art manager Denis Hryshchuk who were taken hostage in Sloviansk on April 25 together with other captives were finally liberated by the Ukrainian Army on July 5. Read more at <http://goo.gl/mNiYfp>

Facebook Shell Shock: Ordinary Ukrainians exposed to multimedia trauma. Social media helping to fuel anxieties as Ukrainians cope with revolution and war. Read more at <http://goo.gl/GwV65E>

Ukrainian Ministry of Interior puts Azarov on the international wanted list. At the instruction of the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ukrainian Ministry of Interior has put the ex-Prime Minister of Ukraine Mykola Azarov on the international wanted list, according to an informed source at the Ministry of Interior. Read more at <http://goo.gl/iGdCPq>

Secretary of Kyiv City Council Oleg Reznikov: We are setting up an inspectorate to fight corruption. Read more at <http://goo.gl/h1kTbW>

Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin says Ukraine's diplomatic service will have to adapt its work style to tackle modern-world challenges and embrace new approaches based on team work, agility and better communication both inside the team and with the outside world. Read more at <http://goo.gl/hlRShL>

Andriy Kobolyev, "Naftogaz of Ukraine" JSC Head of board: Within four months Ukraine has to introduce the changes to its energy sector that were not made in the last 10 years. Read more at <http://goo.gl/S2zCl3>

Gas or No Gas? Complicated negotiations may result in complete Russian gas cut-off for Ukraine, but they show how vulnerable the Kremlin actually is. Read more at <http://goo.gl/1zZovW>

The EU expects Ukraine to launch electricity exchange. Hans ten Berge, head of Eurelectric, European electricity producers association, sees launching an electricity exchange as crucial for the Ukrainian electric power market which needs to be purged of corruption schemes. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Lqyn6L>

A survey conducted on May 14-18 by the Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DFI) in cooperation with the Razumkov Centre shows the number of people who would support Ukraine joining NATO has increased considerably and is continuing to rise. Read more at <http://goo.gl/G67p4P>

Refat Chubarov, Head of the Mejlis (the Crimean Tatar representative body), has been banned from returning to his native Crimea for 5 years by the so-called Crimean authorities. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Bui2La>

Ukrainian Army: in the fight and in everyday life. Photos by Oleksandr Klymenko. See more at <http://goo.gl/EGUOf>





# Journalists are being killed and kidnapped by Russian terrorists

On June 30, Hromadske V journalist Nastia Stanko and operator Illia Bezkorovainy were taken captive by representatives of the self-proclaimed "Luhansk People's Republic". On July 2, the journalists were released. The release was televised live by the Russian TV channel LifeNews. The LifeNews journalists followed Stanko and Bezkorovainy and kept pestering them with questions but the Ukrainian journalists refused to answer. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Nmai0U>

On June 29, Russian TV 1 (Pervy Kanal) correspondent Anatoly Klyan was killed in Donetsk. Read more at <http://goo.gl/HyTpFV>. Read the story around his death told by an eyewitness at <http://goo.gl/Ily0uD>

The Russian information agency Interfax circulated a fake photo of Anatoliy Klyan. Read the investigation by StopFake at <http://goo.gl/j0LVnc>

Read the summary of attacks on media in Eastern Ukraine by Reporters Without Borders at <http://goo.gl/s4iYcW>

Institute of Mass Information: Donetsk and Luhansk oblast take the lead in violations of freedom of press. Read more at <http://goo.gl/sj2qvJ>

Ukraine's expat community has found itself caught up in these historic events, with many playing an active role in the information war being waged across the social media landscape over the rights and wrongs of Ukraine's Euromaidan revolution and the Kremlin's subsequent military invasion of the country. Read more at <http://goo.gl/ikNEmG>

Ukrainian artist Masha Kulykovska held a solo action she called "254" – lying covered in the Ukrainian flag at the entrance to the St. Petersburg Hermitage Museum, Russia. "254" was Masha's number on a list of refugees from Crimea, where she originates. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/teBpPL>



## Why the fate of Ukraine matters

Alexander J. Motyl: Ukrainians Die, as Europe Coos. Read more at <http://goo.gl/ddeDJS>

Andrei Illarionov: Putin at fateful crossroads on Ukraine. Read more at <http://goo.gl/U8QQW5>

Paul Goble: Putin lives in an alternative universe and expects everyone to join him there. Read more at <http://goo.gl/thgWG3>

Watch video interview of U.S. Senator Wicker: Russia's actions in Ukraine have "familiar ring" from 1930s: <http://goo.gl/etHvjc>

The Only Possible Ukrainian Victory for Putin: What can Putin hope to achieve at this stage? In terms of gains, there are two potentially lasting effects of this

aggression that could play into his hands. Read more at <http://goo.gl/egcpog>

Russia is becoming a new Evil Empire: The fact that special camps have been established on the territory of the Evil Empire to train terrorists, mercenaries, and saboteurs is awful confirmation of the transformation of a country claiming democracy and normal life for its citizens into a special facility for training in hatred and murder. Read more at <http://goo.gl/r8YPze>

People of Influence: Why the Fate of Ukraine Matters The fate of Ukraine matters — as much, if not more, as Syria and Iraq. We don't have to search for "moderates" in Ukraine. Millions there have already both fought for and voted to align their country with the free markets and free people of the European Union. Read more at <http://goo.gl/NrhPqO>

Left: Dubno Castle in Western Ukraine is known for not being conquered a single time in its history.

Right: The Oleshky Sands – the biggest desert in Europe.



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## Ukraine's army: the one and only crowd-funded military Natural masterpieces for the world to admire

From boots to drones, a crowd-funded army: Ukraine is probably the only nation on Earth that crowd-funds its army. Read here a story of a crowd-funded drone (and more): <http://goo.gl/o9TGGL>

Yanukovych, Putin as you have never seen them: Until recently, two special portraits were getting dusty in the back of a Kyiv artist's studio. The portraits picture Russian President Vladimir Putin and his former Ukrainian counterpart Viktor Yanukovych. And both are completely naked. Read more at <http://goo.gl/y3iPgF>

Few people know that Ukraine has the largest desert in Europe within its territory called the Oleshky Sands and located in Kherson Region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/aVKgOQ>

Founded in 1492 by Prince Konstantin Ostrogski, the Dubno Castle sits on a promontory overlooking the Ikva River not far from the ancient Ruthenian fort of Dubno, Volhynia. Read more at <http://goo.gl/e1MqPC>

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