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Russia is heading for war

Ukrainians preparing for defence and boycotting Russian products

Tens of thousands of Russian troops and military vehicles, including artillery, tanks, warplanes and helicopters, are amassing and carrying out war games on Ukraine's eastern borders. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/J75CZM>

10 reasons that makes it difficult to believe Putin when he says he is not planning to invade Ukraine. Read in Eng <http://goo.gl/3KJblu>

Ukrainian security service uncovered concrete evidence exposing a member of the Russian neo-Nazi organization "Black Hundred". Under orders from Russian special services, Anton Raievsky, a Russian citizen, was working to create a destabilization group in Odessa with the task of inciting provocations on the Ukrainian border in that region. More (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/RpZhRJ>

Russian speaking delegate to the Council of Europe compared Putin to Hitler. Video (in Eng) <http://goo.gl/VvAJIB>

Russia threatened several Eastern European and Central Asian states with retaliation if they voted in favor of a United Nations General Assembly resolution this week declaring invalid Crimea's referendum on seceding from

Ukraine, U.N. diplomats said. <http://goo.gl/A7VNM9>

David Vagner, a 33-year-old Ukrainian soldier, said Russian soldiers beat him in Sevastopol after he told them that Crimea belonged to Ukraine and that they should leave the peninsula. Details at (Eng)

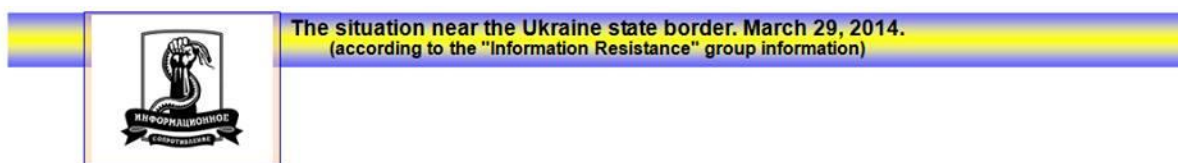
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Ukrainians boycott Russian products. In two weeks sales have decreased by 40%. More (Rus)

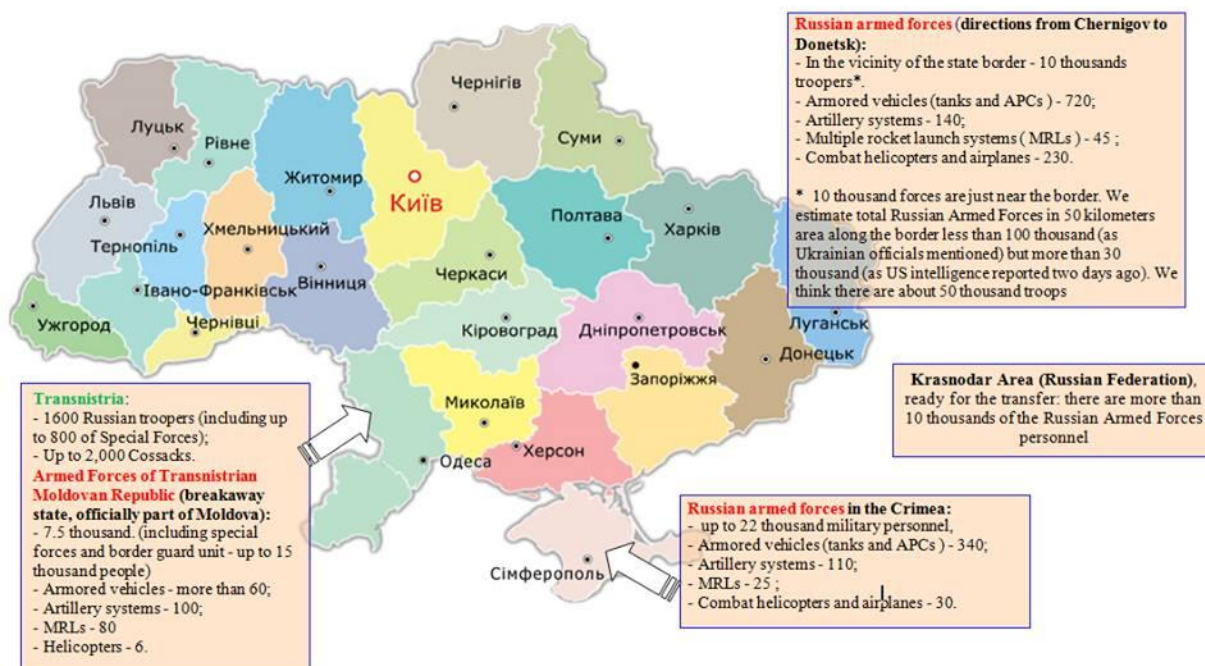
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"Today We Have an Illegal Takeover of Our Country." Oleksiy Vadatursky, Nibulon company. Big business in Ukraine is showing its stance on intervention in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/51Ik1i>

Russia demands federalization of Ukraine ahead of Lavrov and Kerry talks in Paris. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry rejects "Russia's proposals for federalization, a second official language, and referendums", stating that these proposals "are viewed in Ukraine as nothing less than proof of Russia's aggression. We sincerely regret that Minister Sergei Lavrov had to voice them.". More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/KJ39zf>



The situation near the Ukraine state border. March 29, 2014.
(according to the "Information Resistance" group information)



Another genocide has already started in Crimea

Thousands of Crimean refugees flee to mainland Ukraine to escape Russia. More in Eng <http://goo.gl/UtrFOk>

Crimean Tatar families are relocating their children and elderly from Crimea to continental Ukraine and abroad. Crimean men are returning to Crimea for the struggle with the Russian invaders. They say they will not let Crimea go. More (in Eng) <http://goo.gl/IBcxLI>

Crimean Tatars have opened the doors of their mosques for the priests and congregations of the Ukrainian Orthodox church in Crimea. More (Ukr, video) <http://goo.gl/hXhnJu>

Ukrainians who have paid for vacations in Crimea during this period and who have taken the risks to go,

are currently being asked to leave hotels without reimbursement. More (Rus) <http://goo.gl/L5BDBb>

Crimea may have a majority Russian population today, but it hasn't always been that way. The peninsula's dark history of ethnic cleansing is clearly visible in these chart from Reuters. (Eng) <http://goo.gl/shXvF8>

The Kurultay (The Crimean Tatars' assembly) voted on Saturday March 29 in favor of seeking "ethnic and territorial autonomy" for the indigenous minority on the Black Sea peninsula annexed from Kyiv by Moscow. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/KygaWI>



40 days of the Heavenly Hundred: commemorations on Maidan

The mass killing of protesters on the Maidan on February 20, 2014 changed Ukrainian history. Now, photographs show what really happened. Russian-Trained Killers in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/EJjWiu>

EuroMaidan honored the Heavenly Hundred 40

days after the slaughter in Kyiv. Memorial ceremonies have been held in Kyiv, other cities throughout Ukraine and abroad. See more (Ukr, photos) Paris: <http://goo.gl/Hn6d0y>; Lviv <http://goo.gl/fDK29e>; Dnipropetrovsk <http://goo.gl/tpFMKV>

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40 days of the
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A family of
Crimean Tatar
Usman
Abdulayev takes
refuge near
Kyiv.



Ukraine is preparing for Presidential elections

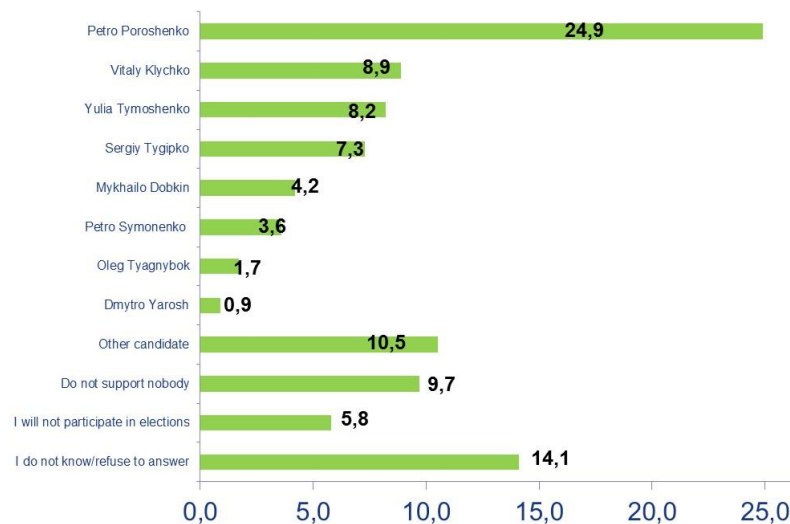
Favourites are Poroshenko and Tymoshenko

Central Elections Commission has received 46 applications for presidential candidates; 7 have already been registered, 12 were rejected during registration. Registration will end April 4. More (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/n4OOJ8>

Petro Poroshenko is one of the richest men in Ukraine and has been a player in national politics since 1998. Yet he remains, for the most part, an unknown quantity, a gray figure without a significant public image. Read profile (Eng) <http://goo.gl/mRgfMT>; Interview (video, Ukr, Eng) <http://goo.gl/WNohxH>

Vitali Klitschko has withdrawn from the May 25 presidential race in Ukraine to endorse fellow millionaire MP Petro Poroshenko. Klitschko, the world heavyweight boxing champion and head of the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform (UDAR political party), will run for mayor of Kyiv. More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/iT3tDo>

Petro Poroshenko leads voter preferences for the May 25, 2014 Presidential elections. Read more details on the survey at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/VjBXbP>



Reforms, reorganization and new government results

After the Maidan events, public activists continue to demand systemic changes in the country. More than 100 experts initiated an Intensive Reforms Package for Ukraine, laws aimed at changing the decision-making system in Ukraine. NGOs and experts are working on the bill drafts and lobbying for their implementation. Due to these efforts, Ukrainian parliament passed last week two important anti-corruption laws: the Law on Government Procurements and the Law on Access to Public Information. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/yOE1ov>

The new Director of the Ukrainian National Memory Institute Volodymyr Viatrovych asserts that the implementation of a historical memory

policy will safeguard against the use of authoritarian and totalitarian practices in Ukraine. More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/h4bbUx> ; <http://uacrisis.org/vyatrovich/>

"What was going on in Ukraine was not just corruption; activities went far beyond corruption; wholesale racketeering of State funds companies and assets occurred," said new Economic Minister Pavlo Sheremeta. Read more (Eng) <http://goo.gl/PJN10a>

30 days: results of the new government's activity in the difficult situation of Crimea's annexation, the danger of war, and the risk of economic crisis. Read (Rus) <http://goo.gl/Z0sa9X>

Ukraine is voicing its unity and European choice via music

Is there a difference: “The Ukraine” or “Ukraine”?
<http://goo.gl/OT2LuJ>

Kazakh theatre actors sang a heartfelt Ukrainian song and asked “please forgive our country for accepting in our name the intervention into Ukraine”. Watch video <http://goo.gl/2lfW7n>

“‘Ukrainian nationalism in Svoboda's interpretation’ has nothing to do with chauvinism, xenophobia or anti-Semitism”. Read more in Eng
<http://goo.gl/SMolp9>

Leading orchestras have performed Ode of Joy in major airports around Ukraine – Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, and Odessa. 30.03.14. Videos available at <http://goo.gl/Yruhqk>

On March 30 in Odessa, 10,000 people marched in the streets for the unity of Ukraine and for peace. Photos <http://goo.gl/TK8kX6>

Meeting for Unity of Ukraine and Peace in Odessa, 30.03.14 (left)
 Ukraine's new National Guard undergoes training. The nation is mobilizing 40,000 National Guard.(right)



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