

CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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The world greets the new Ukrainian President

New challenges lie ahead as Poroshenko takes office

The White House says U.S. President Barack Obama will meet with Ukrainian President-elect Petro Poroshenko on June 4 in Warsaw, three days before the newly elected leader is due to be inaugurated. It is unusual for a U.S. president to meet with a head of state before that individual takes office. (Eng) http://goo.gl/aP5bu7

European Union leaders praised Ukraine's presidential election and vowed to support the country's new leader as he assumes power in a country struggling with a flailing economy, pro-Russian separatists in the east, and ongoing pressure from Moscow. (Eng) http://goo.gl/2NDTKp

Immediate Challenge for Ukraine's President-Elect: "Early Monday hostilities by pro-Russian separatists have thrown down the gauntlet to the President-elect, who has promised to quickly end the conflict and create a single, united Ukraine" - Time describes the outcomes of the presidential elections and the first planned steps of the President-elect. (Eng) http://goo.gl/kWmo6U

Between drops: What Tasks Lie Ahead for President Poroshenko (Eng) http://goo.gl/kGTe3G

Poroshenko Defies Russia with Vow on Anti-Rebel Operation: Bloomberg's analysis on Poroshenko's course of actions. (Eng) http://goo.gl/BS7HtM

Ukraine's Election Exposes Putin's Lies:
Despite the best efforts of Vladimir Putin and his terrorist commandos in the eastern Donbas region,
Ukraine's presidential elections did in fact take place on May 25th, under conditions that international observers concur were fair and free. The successful elections prove the failure of Russian propaganda which insisted that Ukraine is supposedly on the verge of collapse, - states prof. Alexander J. Motyl. (Eng)
http://goo.gl/ENpG3e

Ukraine Election Results Discredit Kremlin Propaganda: "Election results an embarrassment for the Far Right" - David Adesnik, Forbes contributor, reveals another trope of the propaganda broadcasted relentlessly by Kremlin-controlled media for the past three months. (Eng) http://goo.gl/nHPfwA

No anti-Semitic or xenophobic propaganda was observed during elections, reports Joseph Zisels, the head of Association of Jewish organizations and communities of Ukraine (Eng) http://uacrisis.org/joseph-zisels-3/

The First Ladies of Ukraine: from Antonina to Maryna (Photo) (Eng) http://goo.gl/QaQqPh

Yanukovych sits shocked in Russia, nearly crying and seeing bad omens (Eng) http://goo.gl/2nerck

A mass Viche (gathering) took place on Kyiv's Maidan, June 01, 2014



The undeclared war: Russia brings in militants from Chechnya

"We are volunteers; we are Chechens, former soldiers" an interview with the "Vostok" battalion which arrived in Ukraine from Russia (Vide, Eng subtitles) http://inforesist.org/video-batalon-vostok-daet-intervyu/

The emergence of a widely recognizable Russian military structure in eastern Ukraine - Vostok battalion (Eng, Video) http://goo.gl/eini04; http://goo.gl/KTk2Zb

43 corpses of Kadyrovits (Chechen Republic president Kadyrov's troops) have already been buried in Chechnya. 32 more are missing. (Eng) http://goo.gl/Vzk21o

Should the situation require, we are ready to bring back Ukrainian peacemakers engaged in UN operations – colonel Andriy Ordynovych (Eng) http://uacrisis.org/andriy-ordynovych/

Third NATO Ship Enters Black Sea, Russia Vows Increased Military Air Presence (Eng) http://goo.gl/hTVWZn

OSCE monitoring May 29 report: the situation in Luhansk and Donetsk remain volatile. Other parts of Ukraine remained calm. The situation in Kharkiv remained calm. The situation in Donetsk and Luhansk remained volatile. (Eng) http://goo.gl/Qi7fkV

May 28, 2014 the Security Service of Ukraine in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine disrupted an unauthorized flight of an unmanned drone usually used by the Russian Defense Ministry.(Eng) http://goo.gl/wJ2yFA

Donetsk is burning, according to fake photos and info spread online (Eng) http://goo.gl/30RY3z

Ukrainians stand in lines to donate blood for soldiers (Eng) http://goo.gl/d6CdCR

May 28:
Activists in
Kyiv demand
the liberation
of theatre
director Pavel
Yurov and
volunteer
Denis
Grishchuk
held captive
by Russian
terrorist for
more than a
month.



Donbass: more than 200 people remain captives of terrorists for months

Held Captive In A Donetsk 'Dungeon' (Eng) http://goo.gl/XtZpsg

May 28th: a demonstration was held in Kyiv near the Presidential Administration and SBU offices in support of Denis Grishchuk and Pavlo Yurov who were detained by separatists in Sloviansk over a month ago.(Eng) http://goo.gl/JcIewu

There are more than 200 people being detained in Donbass (Rus) http://goo.gl/GzEuJJ

The story of Milana, the journalist from Kyiv held by terrorists for 2 weeks. Read more at (Rus) http://goo.gl/TYaqwk

Crimea: the assaults against Ukrainian activists continue

In Russian-ruled Crimea, a crackdown on journalists and activists who don't toe the Kremlin line (Eng) http://goo.gl/ajcUNo

On May 30th, another pro-Ukrainian activist disappears in Crimea in addition to the two on May 29th. (Eng) http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1401575021; http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1401308871

Plans to remove Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar languages in Crimean schools? (Eng) http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1401199327

There is no let-up in the aggressive attack by Russia and its occupation regime in the Crimea against the veteran Crimean Tatar leader, Mustafa Jemiliev. Having banned the 71-year-old former political prisoner and Ukrainian MP from Crimea, they are now using dirty tactics to exert influence on the members of his family still in the Crimea. (Eng) http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1401193989

June 1, people in Russian Cossack uniforms destroyed a Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Ukr) http://goo.gl/FqH7dp

01.06 Civic Sector of EuroMaidan at Kyiv Viche (meeting) asked Government to report on the first 100 days of government work; (right) on 29.05 to investigate ex-SBU officials' cooperation with terrorists



Maidan is alive to hold Ukrainian authorities accountable

01.06. Viche in Kyiv. People request the Government report on its first 100 days in power (Ukr, photos) http://goo.gl/3hfaPU; http://goo.gl/X0pDlU

30.05. The Civic Sector of EuroMaidan has renewed its protest "Do Not Be Afraid, Do Not Beat", reminding people and authorities that there are still no results from official investigations on who ordered Maidan to be "cleaned" of students on 30.11.13 and the police violence which followed. (photo, Ukr) http://goo.gl/JnPVWR; http://goo.gl/8GyngZ

29.05 Civic Sector activists picketed the SBU central office in Kyiv demanding investigation and punishment of the ex-SBU head in Lugansk who supported terrorists (photo report, Rus, Ukr) http://goo.gl/Xd23jd

Now Comes The Hard Part: Vitali Klitschko Aims To Clean Up Kyiv (Eng) http://goo.gl/etvFDf

5 million UAH from funds raised has already been spent on the treatment of the wounded and the support of the families of the Hundred of Heaven heroes http://uacrisis.org/anna-gulevskaya-chernysh/

Timeline of the Ukrainian Revolution (Eng) http://goo.gl/3RD3RW

Wings Phoenix: We Are All Heroes. Yuri, an entrepreneur, left his business to help his country. Known to his Facebook followers as Wings Phoenix, in two months he collected almost 4 million UAH in donations and supplied [Ukrainian soldiers] with bullet proof vests, uniform, shoes, helmets.(Eng) http://goo.gl/5QGchl

What next for Ukraine's Maidan protesters? Read more at (Eng) http://goo.gl/S4636s

Young generation of Ukrainians chooses a united country

May 30 school graduation festivities became a great Ukraine patriotic event in Dnipropetrovsk (photo, Rus) http://goo.gl/OgkJMj

In Yalta (Crimea) during a graduating ceremony, when the Russian anthem was played, graduates of a school started to sing the anthem of Ukraine, receiving applause from all other students (video) http://life.pravda.com.ua/society/2014/06/1/17070

In Kyiv school graduates brought flowers to Maidan for the "Heaven's Hundred" (photos) http://life.pravda.com.ua/society/2014/05/31/1703

02.06 Sunday became another day for massive meetings in support of the unity of Ukraine. See photo report on the Viche in Kharkiv (Ukr) http://goo.gl/FM0UAt

Students and professors from Kyiv Mohyla School of Journalism launched StopFake.org to combat fake photos and videos spreading on social networks. Read more at (Eng) http://goo.gl/w6bSUO

Social network
flashmob "Save
Donbass people
from Putin"
(photos, Ukr)
http://goo.gl/wY
IIZv
Dnipropetrovsk
school graduation
became huge parade
for the unity of
Ukraine



Russia's anti-Ukrainian propaganda spreads to the US

Russia's campaign to shape international opinion around its invasion of Ukraine has extended to recruiting and training a new cadre of online trolls that have been deployed to spread the Kremlin's message on the comment sections of top American websites. Read more at (Eng) http://goo.gl/2jaiev

There were overt – and successful – efforts to disrupt elections in two regions. There are now large numbers of trucks with armed fighters crossing the Russian border into Ukraine. Still the 'grave consequences' for Russia have yet to be seen. (Eng) http://goo.gl/dHkzUM

Ukraine: The Antidote to Europe's Fascists? (Eng) http://goo.gl/MdmtiM

Businessman Vadim Rabinovich, who ran this year for President, believes that Ukrainian Security officials need to adopt Israeli practice. (Eng) http://goo.gl/y38xaR

The Kremlin's propaganda coup in Donetsk (Eng) http://goo.gl/II8je4

Russian militants in Donetsk, local people want a united Ukraine. The video story by VICE news at (Eng) http://goo.gl/E5Onfa

Moscow Preparing to Seize Land in Crimea for 'State Needs' as It Did in Sochi. Read more at (Eng) http://goo.gl/8xtk4A

Ukraine – the land of wild nature and vivid culture

Olexandr Archipenko was one of the first artists to feature manifestations of Cubism in his work. He was the first, after Picasso, to employ the Cubist style in three dimensions. As an artist-in-residence in Paris, he held exhibitions at the Salon des Indépendants and Salon d'Automne in 1910 and 1911 before emigrating to the US. (Eng) http://goo.gl/2tybAV

On May 31th 2014, Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk from Crimea won his 4th professional fight fighting Cesar David Crenz (nickname "The Russian") in Odessa (Video) http://goo.gl/ty4LZB

Ilya Mechnikov (15 May 1845 Kharkiv oblast, Ukraine – 15 July 1916 Paris, France) was a Ukrainian biologist, zoologist and protozoologist, best known for his pioneering research into the immune system. Mechnikov received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1908, shared with Paul Ehrlich, for his work on phagocytosis. He is also credited by some sources with coining the term gerontology in 1903, for the emerging study of aging and longevity. Being of Romanian-Jewish origin, in most international sources he is named as a "Russian scientist". (Eng) http://goo.gl/YvkKvf And http://goo.gl/YvkKvf And http://goo.gl/YvkKvf

Virgin steppe, the lowest land point in Europe, one of the oldest natural reserves which hundreds of rare species call home - all of this is Askania Nova, Southern Ukraine (photos, Eng) http://goo.gl/HzGKQX and http://goo.gl/HzGKQX and http://goo.gl/HzGKQX

Askania Nova: the one-of-a-kind national park in the South of Ukraine, home to hundreds of rare species of plants and animals



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