

# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN **GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT**

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## Poroshenko: Ukraine will 'do everything' to retake Crimea

Ukraine ambassador to UN: Russia crossed the line

President Petro Poroshenko has vowed to seek Crimea's return to Ukrainian rule and reiterated that his country faces the threat of a major Russian invasion in the east. http://goo.gl/BPAeoX

Barack Obama addressed Ukraine at the Group of Seven (G7) closing where world leaders vowed to maintain sanction pressure on Russia. http://goo.gl/mKhKFO; G7 firm on Russian sanctions but accused of being 'outdated and divided'. Western leaders told to 'stop being passive' in the face of Russian aggression. (Video) http://goo.gl/CGz5Qc

The massive June 3 attack on Marjinka involving 1,000 rebels and 10 tanks clearly showed that Moscow has crossed the line drawn for it by the world community, Ukraine ambassador to the UN Yury Serheyev said addressing a June 5 Security Council emergency session. http://goo.gl/T2OFrV

Canada stands strong on global peace and security. http://goo.gl/zf5MI1

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has once again said it is "inconceivable" for Russia to rejoin the G7 after its

annexation of Crimea. http://goo.gl/vO4Te8

US Defense Minister Ashton Carter thinks that economic sanctions imposed on Russia since March 2014 are ineffective. He believes new political and military countermeasures are necessary. <a href="http://goo.gl/zaujNC">http://goo.gl/zaujNC</a>

Japanese PM said in Kyiv that his country supports Ukraine's sovereignty. <a href="http://goo.gl/PHKgeX">http://goo.gl/PHKgeX</a>

The EU created a team to counter Russian propaganda and approved a motion which stated Russia had initiated "an undeclared hybrid war against Ukraine, including an information war, propaganda, and political destabilization". http://goo.gl/WJTXVI

Several dozen assailants attacked an LGBT Equality March in Kyiv on June 6. Several police officers and attackers were injured. About 300 people took part in the march. (Video) http://goo.gl/bSGvNJ

Russia retains Soviet propaganda tools in its war against Ukraine. http://goo.gl/l17SmD

'Returning Home' - new documentary on Ukraine Today. (Video) http://goo.gl/g2zyZh

Left: Ukrainian flag after the Russian attack on Ukrainian troop positions in Maryinka. June 5, 2015. http://goo.gl/uv9cNs

terrorists' attack. (photos) http://goo.gl/wNUV7I

Right: Victim of Russia's War Crime: Gassed Cyborgs' Medic or "Simply Tania". http://goo.gl/GMrcPH



#### Russia bans EU officials

How to Kick-Start Ukraine's Rule of Law

"We in Ukraine have a sense that what is happening in Ukraine will have serious implications for the global community". - Valeriy Pekar. http://goo.gl/Pge5pW

Brussels is outraged that the Kremlin has banned EU officials from entering Russia, but those individuals should be proud to be identified as enemies of Vladimir Putin's criminal regime. - A. Motyl http://goo.gl/2YfWgS

Russia and Ukraine, War and History. - Timothy Snyder. (Video) https://goo.gl/pDWDJR

Sunset and/or sunrise of the Ukrainian oligarchs after the Euromaidan revolution? Serhiy Leshchenko.

http://goo.gl/10Jn8H

Peter Pomerantsev: XXI century is an age of disinformation. http://goo.gl/gZuplk

Establishing the rule of law requires not only good legislation and well-paid judges, but also a culture of respect for the rule of law throughout the legal system. To move Ukraine towards a rule of law requires training, mentoring, monitoring, proper remuneration and appropriate hiring and evaluation of both prosecutors and judges. http://goo.gl/qSSWKp

Corruption in Ukraine: What Needs to Be Understood, and What Needs to Be Done? http://goo.gl/pKgDbE

What is the biggest obstacle for renewable energy in Ukraine? <a href="http://goo.gl/DnR22w">http://goo.gl/DnR22w</a>

## More fighting reported in eastern Ukraine town of Maryinka

2,500 rebels, Russian soldiers stationed in East Ukraine

Jun 8. More Fighting Reported In Eastern Ukraine Town Of Maryinka. <a href="http://goo.gl/cEhaJ5">http://goo.gl/cEhaJ5</a>

Ukrainian Defense Minister Stepan Poltorak has said that 42,500 separatists and Russian soldiers are stationed in eastern Ukraine, where government forces have been battling pro-Russian rebels since April 2014. "They have 558 tanks, combat vehicles, artillery systems, and other weapons". <a href="http://goo.gl/MpX17g">http://goo.gl/MpX17g</a>

Jun 7. A Ukrainian State Border Service vessel exploded at sea near the Mariupol in southeastern Ukraine, according to a Mariupol-based website <a href="http://goo.gl/BsaNq9">http://goo.gl/BsaNq9</a>

Jun 6. On this day, one serviceman was killed and 10 wounded as a result of fighting in the east. <a href="http://goo.gl/OItJYN">http://goo.gl/OItJYN</a>

Jun. 6. Rebels wanted to repeat Marjinka scenario in Artemivsk. They started an attack deep into the night of June 6. <a href="http://goo.gl/usDiOR">http://goo.gl/usDiOR</a>

Jun 5. OSCE Says Cease-Fire Violations In Ukraine

Increasingly Severe. <a href="http://goo.gl/5zpwfA">http://goo.gl/5zpwfA</a>

Jun 5. The SMM monitoring the implementation of the Minsk agreements was restricted by third parties and significant caution regarding security considerations. Ceasefire violations continued at and around Donetsk airport, and the SMM continued to note challenges with access to medical services and water supply in certain areas. <a href="http://goo.gl/cFpTNR">http://goo.gl/cFpTNR</a>

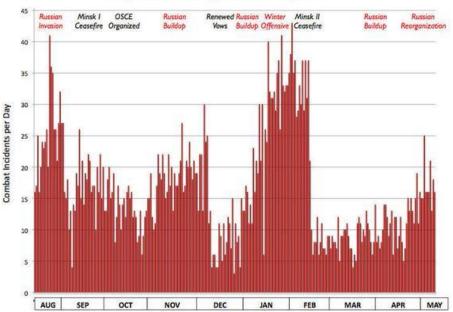
Jun 3. A bloody battle in Donetsk Oblast's Maryinka claimed the lives of at least four Ukrainian soldiers and one more elsewhere on the front line. They are among the 27 soldiers killed since mid-May. <a href="http://goo.gl/SLGyQV">http://goo.gl/SLGyQV</a>

Ukraine's Security Service arrested a terrorist group controlled by Russian military intelligence (photos) <a href="http://goo.gl/ABpmDc">http://goo.gl/ABpmDc</a>

Luhansk Oblast Governor Hennadiy Moskal has completely cut off the water supply to Russian-occupied territories in retaliation for shelling by Kremlin-separatist forces. <a href="http://goo.gl/hhqd3b">http://goo.gl/hhqd3b</a>

#### **Russian Intervention & Ukraine Ceasefires**

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### Savchenko may be sentenced to 13-16 years in prison

Crimean prosecutor threatens reprisals against 50 Euromaidan activists

Savchenko may be sentenced to 13-16 years in prison. The captive Ukrainian pilot's lawyer says the investigation has accelerated dramatically. http://goo.gl/VgGK7k

The Russian trial of renowned film director Oleg Sentsov and civic activist Oleksandr Kolchenko whose arrests are widely viewed as politically motivated could begin within weeks. Both are facing sentences of 17-20 years for refusing to 'confess' to non-existent acts of terrorism. <a href="http://goo.gl/lhcbHZ">http://goo.gl/lhcbHZ</a>

Crimean prosecutor threatens reprisals against 50 Euromaidan activists. <a href="http://goo.gl/NNoecR">http://goo.gl/NNoecR</a>
Russia plans 5000 strong children's 'military-

patriotic camp' in Crimea. http://goo.gl/lxyGkH

# **Poroshenko: 'People are not happy with all of us'** Ukrainian currency inflation slows for first time since 2013

Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko is not happy with the achievements of his year-long presidency. He says the country will stick to the Minsk II peace agreement and stay on the path of European Union integration, despite a possible "full-scale" invasion by Russia in eastern Donbas. In his June 4 state of the nation address in Parliament, Poroshenko did not mention Russian-annexed Crimea. http://goo.gl/bHJD5d

The Ukrainian government has started implementing the major structural economic reforms agreed upon with the IMF Extended Fund Facility. Both Ukraine and the IMF agree reforms need to be accelerated. Read SignmaBleyzer's report "Ukraine Macroeconomic Situation - May 2015". http://goo.gl/NCswBH

The iMoRe value for the 10th monitoring period (May 11th -24th, 2015) has reached +1.1 points out of a possible range between -5.0 to +5.0 points. This time the index value has dipped below the desired pace of reform amid sluggish progress with anti-corruption, deregulation, public finance, and the energy sector. On the other hand, developments in the banking sector have fueled the index value thanks to the National Bank of Ukraine's (NBU) efforts. http://goo.gl/NejPYg

Bloomberg Business: Ukrainian inflation on hryvnia has slowed for the first time since 2013. http://goo.gl/6pQ2f3

Ukraine's economy is stabilizing — Polish economist. http://goo.gl/n7g9MC

Minister Pavlenko hopes for \$450 million by selling state agriculture firms, a process which can also help eliminate corruption and mismanagement at state-run enterprises. Investors and private owners may be able to turn around -- or close -- the mostly unprofitable and poorly managed businesses. http://goo.gl/QOmwey

Public health advocates cheer Ukraine's decision to stop lobbying tobacco interests in plain-packaging case. http://goo.gl/Om9XEF

World Bank working with Ukraine to reduce the country's dependence on Russia for energy. (Video) http://goo.gl/1s6XBF

Ukraine: The international destination for education. Ukraine Today and Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs launch a joint project #UkraineEdu. http://goo.gl/8ujW1c

Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office has announced that former Justice Minister Olena Lukash, who is on the European Union's sanction list, is suspected of the misappropriation of public funds through abuse of office. http://goo.gl/ZFDr3X

Danish entrepreneur: now is the time to invest in Ukraine. http://goo.gl/CQHVoE

The Belgian general manager of property developer TPF Ukraine, Filip Schelfhout, has set out to make the company a "change maker" in western Ukraine's residential real estate industry. http://goo.gl/9o5Uto

No way but up for Ukraine's hotel and tourism industries. <a href="http://goo.gl/37Bsb6">http://goo.gl/37Bsb6</a>

"I dream not to be afraid any more", "My dream" - Dreams of young Crimeans in http://goo.gl/O1WfPi





Left: Rich vyshyvanka comes into high fashion. http://goo.gl/nJJDLv

Right: Peace Through Art: Demobilised Ukrainian soldiers undergo art therapy. http://goo.gl/PdqRWd



## **Historical claims over Crimean territory**

Tatar historian: 'Russians are no more European than Tatars'

There are substantial ethnic-cultural and sociohistorical ties between Crimea and Ukraine which are stronger than the ties between Crimea and the territory of modern Russia. Partly these ties are embodied in Crimean Karaites (or Karaims), an ethnic group derived from Turkic-speaking adherents of Karaism. <a href="http://goo.gl/IB3hXR">http://goo.gl/IB3hXR</a>

Tatar historian: 'Russians are no more European than are the Tatars'. <a href="http://goo.gl/qpzhac">http://goo.gl/qpzhac</a>

Left: Crimea – Juft Cale and Kenassy. Photo: www.caraimica.org

Right: Emotional homecoming for Ukrainian troops in Kyiv (Video) http://goo.gl/aGPwTD



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