



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### Ukrainians Fear Russia, Don't Trust EU Policy of Appeasement Ukraine silently surrenders more territory under the Minsk 2 agreement

During the first days of the Minsk 2 ceasefire deal, Ukrainian forces lost some 70% of the recently regained territory east of Mariupol. Russian forces had occupied most of the land over the past 5 months, and Azov Regiment forces did manage to establish a new line of defense east of the coastal hub of Mariupol. Ukraine also lost the city of Debaltseve plus dozens of surrounding towns and villages during the first week after the Minsk 2 "ceasefire and peace deal" was signed, when emotions and triggers still ran high.

<http://goo.gl/VU7ahj>

NATO Commander Calls for Using 'All Tools' To Help Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/XXUzkl>

Speaking at an EU summit in Brussels on March 19, European Council President Donald Tusk said that EU leaders decided that "the duration of economic sanctions will be clearly linked to the complete implementation of the Minsk agreement, bearing in mind that this is only foreseen by the end of 2015." <http://goo.gl/jidp6c>

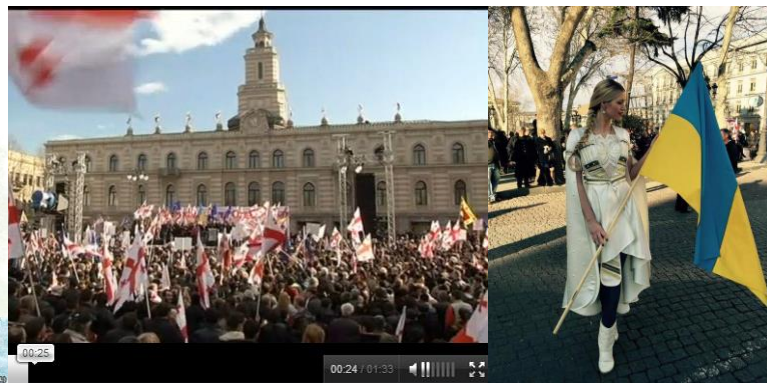
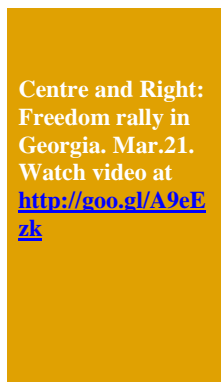
New poll results: Since the Maidan, a new Kyiv poll shows the share of Ukrainians favoring EU integration has risen from 41 percent to 47.2 percent, while those backing integration with Moscow has fallen from 35 percent to 12.3 percent. At the same time, the portion favoring neutrality has increased from 9 to 27 percent. <http://goo.gl/vVa7Io>

Poroshenko clarifies how elections can be held in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/QfTGwd>

EU to Launch 'Mythbusters' Taskforce to Counter Russian Propaganda. <http://goo.gl/M631Z9>

Dutch investigation concludes MH17 downed by Buk missile from Russian battery. <http://goo.gl/L9OxPS>

OSCE: Ukrainian Army cooperates with the mission. Pro-Russian militants restrict access for OSCE observers. <http://goo.gl/Ki07FC>



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The Ukraine Invasion: One Year Later. David J. Kramer. <http://goo.gl/D8LjFU>

Regarding Russia. <http://goo.gl/cRITwc>

The initiative to invite peacekeepers to Donbas seems like a desperate move when traditional means of deterring Russia's creeping expansion have failed <http://goo.gl/g6DdKx>

How much is Ukraine worth to the West? <http://goo.gl/uLcGSL>

## Ceasefire Broken?

### Tense fighting continues in war zone

Mar 23. Poroshenko signs law on providing Ukraine's peacekeepers involved in missions abroad with arms. <http://goo.gl/yMficX>

Mar 23. Tymchuk: militants armed with "M1964-P", weapon developed by the USSR for Vietnam. <http://goo.gl/bXxYp9>

Mar. 22. Ukrainian Armed Forces fight off militant attack by Vodyane, Donetsk region. <http://goo.gl/Mxf3KN>

Mar 22. Attacks over the last 24 hours show that Russian forces and their separatist allies continue to violate the Feb. 15 cease-fire agreement signed in Minsk between the Ukrainian and Russian governments. <http://goo.gl/790CRq>

Mar. 21. Russian-terrorist troops stopped [just] to “imitate” an observance of the Minsk agreements and openly used cannon artillery and MLRS to strike the positions of Ukrainian troops over the past 24 hours. In

particular, terrorists used BM-21 “Grad” in the vicinity of the Bakhmut highway . Also, the enemy fired from 120-mm mortars, tanks, D-30 howitzers and an ACS 2S1 “Carnation.” <http://goo.gl/vII85G>

1,750 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in ATO – Defense Ministry. <http://goo.gl/dwS7S4>

Mar 19. Russian terrorist forces blatantly broke the ceasefire agreements and shelled Ukrainian positions. <http://goo.gl/hSjZyc>

Mar 16. A freak road accident involving a Ukrainian armored personnel vehicle that killed an 8-year-old girl escalated into a series of riots in Kostantynivka, Donetsk Oblast. <http://goo.gl/X6yWTH>

In Ukraine, some Russians take up arms against Putin. <http://goo.gl/uVUTRz>

SBU: 16 corruption scheme masterminds caught along Donbas contact line. <http://goo.gl/hMHmDm>

Left: Ukrainian soldier leaving for the front line

Right: Icons painted on munition boxes are being sold at charity auctions to raise money for wounded Ukrainian soldiers. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/ny0i58>



## Nadia Savchenko: Freedom or Death

### “Liberated Donbas fears return of Kremlin-backed militants more than nationalists”

After a short break, Nadia Savchenko has resumed her hunger strike. According to the captured Ukrainian female pilot, she will refuse to consume any food until she returns to Ukraine or until her “final day.” <http://goo.gl/ogLVml>

Health condition of Ukrainian pilot and MP Nadiya Savchenko, who is being illegally detained in Russia, has deteriorated. <http://goo.gl/Au9x2a>

Mother of captured Ukraine pilot lobbies Germany to help free daughter. <http://goo.gl/8UPB9T>

“Liberated Donbas fears return of Kremlin-backed militants more than nationalists”. <http://goo.gl/EeAgSu>

Trauma and Betrayal: How Ukraine is beginning to break free of Russia. <http://goo.gl/kNQxbI>

# Ukraine's Economy Contracted by 6.8 Percent in 2014

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Ukrainian government starts to push for greater transparency in public information.

<http://goo.gl/dQlEm2>

Venice Commission: Judicial Reform will not take place in Ukraine unless it changes its Constitution.

<http://goo.gl/6GhHL4>

Representatives of Russia, Ukraine, and the European Union have held talks in Brussels on gas supplies.

<http://goo.gl/rrgPLV>

Ukraine's state statistics service has reported that the country's economy shrank by 6.8 percent in 2014, citing financial strains caused by war.

<http://goo.gl/AWz6sa>

Ukrainian Health Minister Alexander Kvitashvili has had three months in office, enough time to pinpoint what he wants to do which is create a health care

model in Ukraine similar to many found in Europe.

<http://goo.gl/aO4w5Q>

Billionaire and Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Governor Ihor Kolomoisky has sparked a major scandal.

<http://goo.gl/wJsTRO>

Georgians play key roles in pushing Ukraine's reforms.

<http://goo.gl/s9EpsN>

Index for Monitoring Reforms. Reforms accelerated significantly thanks to the IMF package.

<http://goo.gl/WfJaHW>

Ukrainian Opinion: Are you satisfied with the pace of reform set by the new government? (Video)

<http://goo.gl/I4V6aQ>

7 Pitfalls For Political Reforms In Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/00THxT>

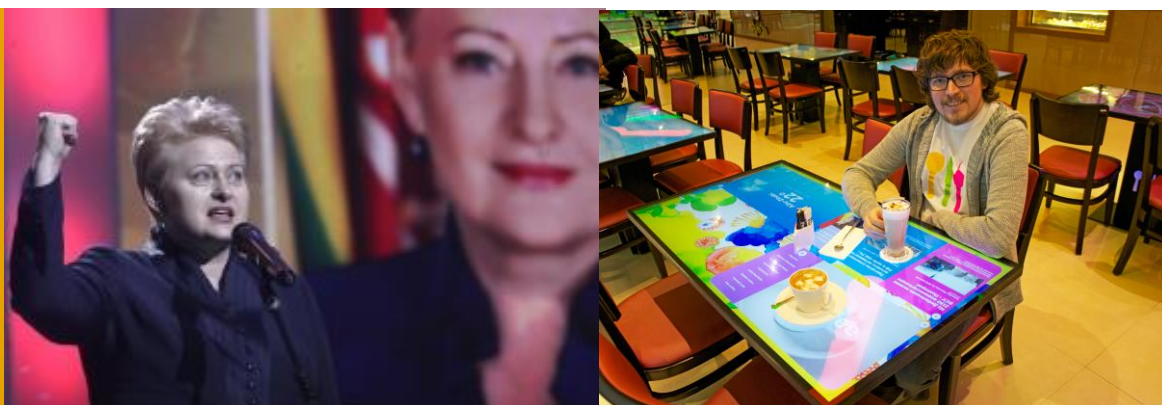
How Ukraine can survive the next heating season

without Russian gas and coal. <http://goo.gl/oRT4FK>

Left: Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė hailed as 'Person of the Year' in Ukraine (Video)

<http://goo.gl/H1wZvn>

Right: Restaurant of the future with interactive tables, a Ukrainian innovation. (Rus)



## Russia Celebrates Crimea Takeover as Criticism Mounts

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The Chronicles of Alienation. The annexation of Crimea from December 2, 2013, through April 4, 2014.

<http://ukrainianweek.com/Politics/132098>

Crimeans find a new way to protest Russian occupation via the census. Many people declared their "nationalities" as elves, hobbits, goblins, orcs, Martians or "simply a human being" or "a resident of the world."

<http://goo.gl/Bn437y>

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One Year Later, Crimea's Tatars Even Further in the Shadows. <http://goo.gl/aDpGpZ>

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If the survey that appeared on the pro-Russian "Krymskaya Pravda" website were real, then were a referendum to be held now on the status of Crimea, 61% of the respondents would vote for greater autonomy within Ukraine, and only 19% would vote to join Russia. It is a big 'if', with "Krymskaya Pravda" now claiming that the survey was the "latest provocation by enemies of Crimea". <http://goo.gl/7QvHpK>

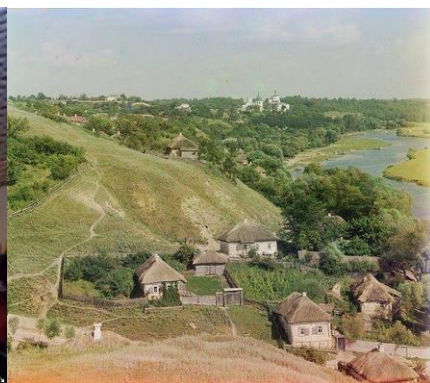
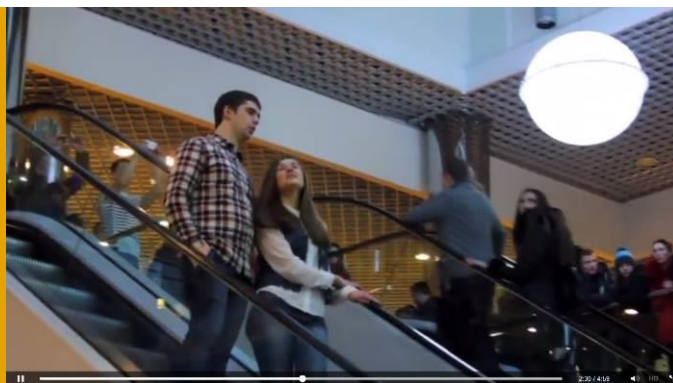
Russian State TV Anchor: 'Propaganda Is Journalism'. 300 media professionals were awarded by Russian President Vladimir Putin for their "objective" coverage of events in Crimea. <http://goo.gl/RFN4cf>

Minister of Justice: Ukraine gathers evidence for ICC claim on Putin's, Shoigu's statements on Crimea. <http://goo.gl/FHjICf>



Left: Dnipropetrovsk flashmob in memory of O. Kusmenko (Video)  
<http://goo.gl/ODquFJ>

Right: Unique photos of Ukraine from 1904  
<http://goo.gl/zTl0s0>



## Ukrainian antivirus software gets popular abroad

Ukrainian antivirus software gets popular abroad, but not at home. <http://goo.gl/u7zQQ3>

Ukrainian Opinion: Which country offers the best model for Ukraine's future development? (Video)  
<http://goo.gl/xCgRHD>

Docudays UA - the International Human Rights Festival opened on March 20 in Kyiv. Visit the festival's web-site at <http://goo.gl/4wYDup>

Polish Film Academy Demand Release of Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov. <http://goo.gl/0V2gsX>

Left: Ethnic revival at the Ukrainian Fashion Week 2015.

Right: Do not despair! The misery that is upon us will pass, dictators will die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people. Liberty will never perish. You are the people who make life free and beautiful! (Video)



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