



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 21

### May 2 street clashes in Odessa: over 40 victims of the Russian security services provocation

The May 2nd events in Odesa have become a tragedy for all Ukraine.

On that day a group of organized and armed pro-Russian supporters attacked a peaceful rally for the unity of Ukraine which had gathered the central square in Odesa. A street fight erupted between the Odesa EuroMaidan self-defence units together with football ultras on one side and pro-Russian militants supported by local police units on the other. The pro-Russian side began shooting at the unarmed demonstrators under the cover of police. ***“The first thing I saw when I got back to Zhukovsky Street was a Kalashnikov sticking out from the pro-Russian crowd which was protected by [police] shields. The Kalashnikov was just shooting rounds at our crowd. At once, many injured people fell to the ground.”*** – Read the whole story of that day told by an eyewitness at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xla65y>

Later that evening, Ukrainian demonstrators went to Kulikovo Pole Square and burnt down the tent camp of the pro-Russian separatists there. Molotov cocktails were thrown by both sides, and the nearby Trade Union building was set on fire. Around 30 people died inside the building, while around 15 people were saved by Ukrainian protesters.

Read the detailed reconstruction of the May 2 events in Odesa with maps at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/SFVgEv>; and (Eng) <http://goo.gl/cWJAiv>

Watch video showing the pro-Russia armed thugs shooting at Ukrainian activists and football fans in Odesa and being supported by the local police at <http://goo.gl/0dBqy9>

See photos from Odesa (Eng) <http://goo.gl/62EzpN>

And video from the events at the Trade Union building (Eng) <http://goo.gl/zf73Uq>

Odesa Armageddon: more photo and video reports from the event participants can be found at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/HjbNLi>, (Rus) <http://goo.gl/CkNuKi> and (Rus) <http://goo.gl/dwPw7n>

Zoya Kazanzhy, a Maidan activist from Odesa, reports that as of May 3: 42 people have died, 214 have been hospitalized, 27 of which are in serious condition; 130 people have been detained. The heads of the local police have been dismissed. All over Ukraine people are gathering money and necessary medical supplies for the injured. Read more at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/WBL79w>

Most of those detained for participating in the riots in Odesa on May 2 are citizens of the Russian Federation and residents of Transnistria, - Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/f06r7o>

Odesa took a dangerous step away from Ukrainian government control on May 4 as local police gave in to a mob and released 67 people they had been holding since the night of May 2. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/LkB1fj>

Volunteers help victims of Odesa violence. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/TWOIho>

The policeman lurking behind the shooter is the deputy head of the Odesa region police Dmitriy Fuchedzi (left). EuroMaidan activists save pro-Russian supporters from the burning Trade Union Building, May 2, 2014, Odesa. (right)



## Russia is orchestrating separatists, Ukraine is fighting back

Last week the anti-terrorist operation in the Eastern regions of Ukraine was stepped up into an active phase. Military actions have been carried out in Sloviansk, Kramatorsk, and other cities previously occupied by separatist military forces. Read more at <http://goo.gl/6BiMHZ>

On May 2 at 9:30 pm, a group of armed extremists attacked servicemen of the 95th Separate Airborne Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine using firearms near Andriyivka village close to Slavyansk. As a result of the intense military confrontation two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xBtWg8>

May 3 Ukrainian forces tighten grip on rebels in embattled Kramatorsk, Sloviansk. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/k0R6BT>

Smoke and fire in Kramatorsk as Ukrainian forces carry out military operation. Watch photos from the region (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/GmkQyH>

Russian military expert confirms use of Russian special forces in Slavyansk during live interview on TV Rain Watch video (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/PqRtsW>

The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has arrested the GRU (Russian military intelligence) subversionist 'Abwehr' (Eng) <http://goo.gl/vXYLt9>; (Eng) <http://goo.gl/VVD9LF>

The shadowy separatist commander of Sloviansk Igor Strelkov told journalists that he and his men entered Ukraine from Crimea, which Russia annexed in March after an insurgency that Russian President Vladimir Putin now admits involved Russian troops. Strelkov's assertion that many of the insurgents are not locals undermines rebel claims that the insurgency is a spontaneous uprising, rather than a coordinated operation backed by outside forces. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Jpid8A>

Russia is building an armed ring of tension around Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/brfuyz> and (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ZSxFi0>

Fighters of the pro-Ukrainian self-defense battalion "Donbas" demand Minister of Interior A. Avakov arm patriots, otherwise they will arm themselves. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/WLGo0a>

Russia has been conducting military exercises with 45,000 combat troops on the eastern border of Ukraine since March 13, 2014. Analysis by The Washington Post shows where these Russian units have come from and what portion of Russia's regionally available combat forces have been shifted to the Ukrainian border. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/Po8QJu>



## Crimean Tatars start en masse resistance to occupation

Mass transfer of Russian aircraft to the Crimea. On May 2, residents noted and videoed more than 10 MiG-29 and Su-27 fighter jets and Tu-22 strategic bombers over the course of only a few hours. Watch video (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/GEiDbO>

May 3. Around 5,000 Crimean Tatars gathered at the border check-point to support Dzemilev who is being denied entry to Crimea. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/1AWQBj>

Crimea's illegitimate prosecutor general who was appointed by the new Russian administration has launched criminal proceedings against Refat Chubarov, chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people. Read more (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/5oztXT>

In addition, Crimean "authorities" are charging Crimean Tatars with 'blocking sidewalks' after protest against Dzhemilev's ban on entering Crimea. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/BWlUxR>

The Government of Ukraine expresses its deep indignation at the actions of the occupation administration, which has forcefully banned the leader of Crimean Tatar Mustafa Dzhemilev's entry to Crimea. Read the statement at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Go16V3>



## Ukraine's primary task now is to survive

The State Agency for Investment and National Projects of Ukraine released the report "Rating of the Investment Attractiveness of Regions 2014", a comprehensive analysis of the investment climate in Ukraine's regions. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/7yR2fW>

"The Primary Task Is to Survive". Read an interview with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/d7cCvG>

"This Is a Fight for Ukrainian Freedom"  
An interview with the leading Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko is available (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/w0Rbki>

"What Is Happening in Ukraine Is Dangerous for Russia"

On May 1 in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, anti-war pro-Ukrainian demonstrations took place. Some activists have been detained by the police. Read more (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/WFH9kb>



Ukrainian opposition leader Vitaliy Klitschko talks on what his country really needs from the West and why Putin's politics just don't make sense. Read his interview (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/y3OOF2>

New national poll: The vast majority of Ukrainians don't support Russian intervention in Ukraine and think Ukraine should remain a united, unitary state with strong ties to the EU. Almost two-thirds of Russian-speaking citizens and eastern Ukrainians don't want Russian "protection". More than half of Russian speakers strongly approve the interim government. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/aLI90d>

UN political chief says events over past four days 'should alarm us all'. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/S6J1yT>

## Putin faces danger if he attacks Ukraine and even if he doesn't

The EU's response to Ukraine has been a betrayal: *"The most recent set of EU sanctions were so weak they caused the Russian stock exchange to rebound. The British worry about the City of London, the French about defense deals, and Germans about their energy supplies and history. All this is understandable, especially at a time of economic recovery. But it is hard not to wonder if history will judge this the ultimate betrayal of Ukraine"*. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/I2SBZ4>

The head of the Jewish Community of Ukraine speaks out against Putin. Soviet dissident and freedom prize winner Josef Zissels becomes a Ukrainian Jew. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/3WFmFu>

Maksym Savanevskyi: How Russian propaganda is using Facebook. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/iy80f2>

David Marples: The tragic events in Odessa indicate the escalating war in Ukraine: from separatists, to ultras, football fans, or the Right Sector, the groups involved are fanatical

and determined, though it is not always clear what their respective desired outcomes would be. Nor is it clear what the goals of Vladimir Putin are or when they will be revealed. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/4Pzmcu>

Russian Member of Parliament explains why Putin needs the Crimea. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/AZCmMN>

Donetsk Letter: On Being a Russian-Speaking Ukrainian and Being 'Protected' by Putin. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/rL4ZXu>

Slawomir Sierakowski: Putin's Useful Idiots. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/M3stZ3>

Marta Dyczok: Information wars: hegemony, counter-hegemony, propaganda, the use of force and resistance. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/WxKUKn>

Putin faces dangers if he attacks in Ukraine or if he doesn't. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/cQETyF>

## Did you know that Ukrainians are talented, smart and never give up?

Meanwhile in Dnipropetrovsk, it's Protest Piano Tango Duet! Read, watch and listen more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Vq48MZ>

Ballerinas in the Ukrainian city of Odesa have performed a dance from the "Swan Lake" ballet for Russian President Vladimir Putin. ***"For millions of Soviet people, televised performance of the world-renowned ballet 'Swan Lake' always signaled a change in the country's leadership"*** – said the action organizers. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/56EpMa>; watch video (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/fCNUye>

In a beauty contest of languages in Paris in 1934, the

Ukrainian language is ranked third after French and Persian on such criteria as phonetics, vocabulary, phraseology and sentence structure and took second place after the Italian language in terms of melodiousness. And other 15 interesting facts about beautiful Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/HgQKR>

Did you know that Ukraine developed the largest cargo airplane in the world AN-225 Mriya (Dream). On 11 June 2010, the An-225 carried the world's longest piece of air cargo, when it flew two new 42-meter test wind turbine blades from Tianjin, China to Skrydstrup, Denmark. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/GmOcZ>



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