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Donbass separatist “referendum” a farce Russian supported, controlled by armed militants

On Sunday May 11, in the Eastern regions of Ukraine, armed separatists held an illegal “referendum” on becoming independent from Ukraine. Around 24% of registered voters in Luhansk Oblast and 32% in Donetsk Oblast voted in the so-called ‘referendum’. In some cities “voting” didn’t happen at all, according to the Interior Ministry of Ukraine. Read more at <http://goo.gl/2pjAOy>

Interim Ukrainian President Oleksandr Turchynov called the separatist referendums in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts (the regions contain around 15% of Ukraine’s population) a “*farce that will not have any legal consequences except for the prosecution of its organizers.*” Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/WUbhC6>

Minister of Justice of Ukraine, Pavlo Petrenko stated: “*The events taking place today in eastern Ukraine, in Donbass – unconstitutional, unlawful acts of terrorists connected with the attempt to separate a part of Ukraine – are crimes against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukrainian state and have no legal or factual consequences.*” (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xydtZJ>

When groups of people in Eastern Ukraine took arms and announced referendum, can this be considered valid or legal? Read more in Eng <http://goo.gl/NP77jA>

Donetsk separatist leader says oblast will form its own government, including military. Read in more detail at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/LgrXJo>

In Avdiyivka, Khartsisk and Gorlivka, armed people demanded that residents who did not vote on the pseudo-referendum give their vote for federalisation otherwise the terrorists threatened to burn down the factories where people work. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/HMXdsY>

May 12: Self proclaimed “Donetsk republic” asks to become part of Russia. Read more at <http://goo.gl/XNU6qM>

Terrorists in Donbas use grenades imported from Russia, according to Information Resistance data. Read more at <http://goo.gl/D92IIE>

Russia-Ukraine: the war continues

With fake news, economic decisions and use of different groups

Commander of the 18th Special Helicopter Detachment, Andriy Kohut: “We were once taught that fighting for one’s country was sacred.”(Eng) <http://goo.gl/mzeH65>

The Crimean Tatars are facing severe setbacks, but they may yet win the right to nationhood. Ukraine can reclaim Crimea, but only with the help of the Tatars. Analysis by Prof. Marynovych (Eng) <http://goo.gl/pRfNjk>

While criminalizing honest historical debate under the guise of fighting the “restoration of Nazism”, the Kremlin is showing incredible willingness to use neo-Nazi groups for its dirty work in Ukraine (Eng) <http://goo.gl/7y7OfY>

A group of experts debate the likely outcome of the arbitration on the gas supply agreement between the “Naftogaz of Ukraine” and “Gazprom” (Eng) <http://uacrisis.org/chances-of-naftogaz/>

Last week Russia produced multiple fake news stories on who killed people on Maidan. Stopfake reveals this fraud (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Uza37T>

Inside Putin's campaign of social media trolling and faked Ukrainian crimes (Eng) <http://goo.gl/IDHy3D>

Ukraine moves away from the USSR May 9th Victory Day celebration of the “Great Patriotic War” and joins Europe’s May 8th commemoration and remembrance of WWII victims on. Read more

<http://cdvr.org.ua/node/2526>



Terrorists will not impede Presidential elections in Ukraine

May 11, 2014. Serhiy Pashynsky, Acting Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine: anti-terrorist operation in the region of Krasny Liman, Kramators'k, Slovyansk is in an active phase. See more details at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/zzznIF>

On May 9, cables were set on fire in the tunnels between the Kyiv TV tower and the building of the National TV and Radio Company of Ukraine; separatists intensified their activities in Mariupol, annihilated by Ukrainian military; ex-Party of Regions MP Oleh Tsariov bailed out an arrested coordinator of pro-Russian separatists; Kharkiv refused to hold a separation referendum. Read in detail at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/f181Gb>

21 dead in Mariupol after clashes between police and separatists on May 9th Victory Day. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/wiiTDI>

Anti-terrorist operation continues as separatists in Luhansk, Donetsk reject Putin's call to postpone referendum (Eng) <http://goo.gl/WDGXSf>

Captives released recently from Russian terrorists describe hard beatings and torture. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Q33nOJ>

Photojournalist Yevgen Gapych from Kolomyia, following his release from captivity in Slovyansk, retold how separatists tortured him for several days and beat out the confession that he was a member of UNA-UNSO (right wing organization). (Eng) <http://goo.gl/W1tkce>

Taras Kuzio: Western experts on Ukraine face intolerance. Read more at <http://goo.gl/GTNm3c>

Mustafa Dzemilev: We Expect Provocations against Crimean Tatars on 18 May, the Banning of the Mejlis (Eng) <http://uacrisis.org/mustafa-jemilev/>

Mustafa Dzemilev's personality inspires Crimean Tatars to resist harassment from Russian authorities in Crimea. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/hqQA3E>

Dmytro Tymchuk: implementing military emergency in certain regions of Ukraine will not impede Presidential elections, but will greatly facilitate anti-terrorist operations. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/BHZeX2>

Donetsk: Eastern Ukraine descends into chaos and lawlessness. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/VCTDnM>

Luhansk "People's Republic" declared independence from Ukraine and plans to become Novorussia. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/zFzXjq>

10% participation in "referendum" in Donetsk (photo Reuters) (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/jbMG7V>
SBU confirms poison in the fire Trade Unions Building in Odessa (Rus) <http://goo.gl/neUobk>



Preliminary investigation results: Local police took part in May 2nd Odessa tragedy

Read the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the events in Odessa at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/R7ARJk>

Acting Prosecutor General: Police helped separatists in Odesa on May 2, according to preliminary investigation results. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/MwO8jw>

A master-class for Donetsk: How the "couch squadron" in Odesa came to the defence. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/C5VZC5>

Two Odessa fire survivors, both in the anti-government camp, tell their stories. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JgMFWv>

IMF is satisfied with cooperation, Ukraine

The IMF is satisfied with its cooperation with the Ukrainian government and will continue to provide its support (Eng) <http://uacrisis.org/imf-is-satisfied/>

A deputy prime member tasks a newly-formed work group with creating a unique e-governance national policy. This is a chance for Ukraine to advance public services, transparency, and effectiveness (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/Z5KJ2j>

Separatists prompt Firtash to shut down ammonia plants in Donetsk region. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/MuKjG7>

Paskhaver: Ukraine needs to spend more on defense. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JIc1dW>

Read the summary of presidential campaign developments at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/19SbJp>

Svatovo, a district town in Luhansk, is the only territorial centre in Luhansk region which has prevented armed groups from entering its territory to terrorize its citizens, although they have already tried twice. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/j8rpgO>

The SSU Archives published censored letters of the Red Army soldiers and orders on censorship in the Red Army which had been secret at that time. These documents illustrate another side of war: totalitarian regime was oppressing even those who fought for it. In seven decades ordinary people's letters which had been confiscated by the NKVD are available to researchers and all interested persons. (Eng) <http://goo.gl/LjmuYC>

6 miners abducted by the terrorists in Novogradovka Donetsk region on May 4, have been tortured. The militants have cut off a tattoo saying "Glory to Ukraine!" from the shoulder of one of the captives. Read more (Rus) <http://goo.gl/9o7kAY>



Putin has been planning a war for 4 years, says Nemtsov

The words AntiMaidan and Berkut (riot police who shot down protesters on Maidan) represent the first letters of the new Russian "patriotic" alphabet poster for children, published in Siberia. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/sdXUao>

Halya Coynash: Russia alleges human rights violations in Ukraine, but forgets its own horrid track record. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JNIUrm>

Third World War: Putin's first mistakes. Read An opinion by Yuri Felshtinsky at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/pfyYm7>

Read a comparison of xenophobia in Ukraine and in Russia at <http://goo.gl/KbHKbp>

Budget figures show Putin has been preparing for a war for

four years, Nemtsov Says. Since 2011 Russian military spending has risen on 80%, and spending on special services and police has gone up 50%. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/nsh3Ux>

While western leaders make noises similar to those over the Crimean referendum two months ago, Russian media are presenting the May 11 pseudo-referendum as fair and legitimate, the Kyiv government as murderous, and the West as collaborating with fascists. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ksNz2Q>

Russian mass media cited lies from an untruthful website about American spies killed in Ukraine. Read more at stopfake.org (Eng) <http://goo.gl/aS8XBW>

Did you know that many famous Russians are in fact Ukrainians?

Although Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893) is noted as an outstanding Russian composer, he created his greatest music under the muse of his Cossack roots. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/KFa0j5> and <http://goo.gl/CRPqJq>

Serhiy Korolyov was the founding father of practical astronautics and the leading Soviet rocket engineer and spacecraft designer during the 1950s space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. He was actually born in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/LjnpUo>

The most popular Russian stage director today, Roman

Viktiuk, was born in Lviv, Ukraine. Viktiuk is the director of contemporary theatric performances known for their homoerotic content. One of his favorite devices is “a theatre in the theatre” when actors perform a story in front of the audience, breaking the wholeness of the stage illusion. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/k9aoRa>

Russian popular film and theater actor Gosha Kutsenko was born in Zaporizhzhia and studied at Lviv Polytechnical University. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/K7VAgd>

According to legend, the first cafe was opened in Vienna by Ukrainian Yury Kulchytsky, a nobleman, spy and diplomat, who helped protect Vienna from the Turkish army.

<http://goo.gl/NxQjVE>

Discover 7 wonders of Ukrainian historical cultural (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/NOvjsV>



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