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The Russian invasion of Eastern Ukraine is underway Ukrainian military launch an anti-terrorist operation

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Since April 10 armed pro-Russian separatists have been occupying local police department buildings in a number of small cities of the Donetsk region, Eastern Ukraine. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/uFRg1c>

Since April 6, the state administration building in Donetsk has been controlled by pro-Russian insurgents and the self-proclaimed People's Republic of Donetsk. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/sQH5SI>

On April 13 Ukrainian security forces started a large-scale anti-terrorist operation in the Eastern regions using military forces. Read more (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/7NntdL>

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said there are dead and wounded on both sides of a shootout in Sloviansk between Ukrainian police and pro-Russian militants. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/bjBtGR>

On April 12 armed pro-Russian separatists seized control over the town of Slovyansk in Donetsk region, erected road blocks and seized the local police department. See photos at <http://goo.gl/Z2yqfM> and read (Rus) Watch the video of the local police department building in Slovyansk being stormed by what appears to be a highly professional special military unit <http://goo.gl/6t4GxX>

Police in Horlivka, Krasnyi Lyman, Krasnoarmiysk and Kramatorsk in Donetsk region have repelled attacks by insurgents and prevented them from capturing the cities'

police department buildings. There has been a firefight in Kramatorsk between police and armed provocateurs. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/jDTQZm> and (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/VBIWvs>

In eastern Ukraine, mobs directed by Russian special ops forces, FSB operatives, and local thugs are directing rent-a-crowds in Lugansk, Donetsk, and Kharkiv to storm public buildings, rough-up unarmed security forces, and demand referendums to join Russia. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/SFkar3>

On April 13 in Kharkiv a group of pro-Russian protesters seized the oblast administration building. At least three people were severely beaten when pro-Russian supporters attacked a pro-Ukrainian march despite police protection. Gunshots and grenade explosions were heard. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/zi5a4q> and see photos at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/5IjzW7>

In southeast Ukraine: Zaporizhzhian self-defense forces announced a Sunday mobilization for the city. Local representatives stated they were preparing for the arrival of provocateurs in town. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/CRwEpH>

NATO: "Russia's accusations - setting the record straight." Read more in Eng <http://goo.gl/mta8rC>

Military analysis: The Crimean scenario will not work in Eastern Ukraine

The Center for Military and Political Research Director and Coordinator of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk is convinced that the Crimean scenario will not work in Eastern Ukraine. "Putin Missed the Critical Moment for Invasion of Ukraine in March". Read more about the build-up of Russian troops on the Ukrainian border and most probable scenarios for Putin's next steps in Ukraine at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/yMQbl7> or watch video (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/2MS3Sa>

Further Russian military intervention in Ukraine entails significant military-strategic risks for Russia: reducing its military options in other strategic directions such as Central Asia and the Caucasus. Read more on Russia's military options in Ukraine at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/FkuhQI>

Myths about Ukrainian separatism

Ukraine says it can prove that Russia coordinated weekend attacks. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/JqyPaI>

Three myths about separatism in Eastern Ukraine.

Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/eKAZfC>

Kateryna Zarembo argues that the separatist protest activities in Eastern Ukraine *“have hardly anything to do with democracy and the people’s will, but are rather carefully instigated from the outside”*. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/79fKYL>

The Yanukovich family paid \$500 to the

separatists who have been storming the Security Service building in Lugansk, says Volodymyr Landyk, MP from Party of Regions. He also claims people in Lugansk do not want to join Russia and do not support these hired “activists”.

Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/JoC2Iq>

The self-defense group at EuroMaidan has announced mobilization of its activists to stand up against separatism in Eastern Ukraine. Read more

(Ukr) <http://goo.gl/kg0GIw>

Residents of Mariupol protected the local police department from separatists. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/gpbeJL>

Economy in crisis: Ukraine seeks solutions

Minister of Economic Development and Trade Pavlo Sheremeta discussed the economic crisis in Ukraine. He believes that *“a trade deal being pushed by the EU will help Ukraine reach the bloc and mark a historic move away from Russia; it will also save Ukrainian exporters almost USD 685 million.”* Watch video at

<http://goo.gl/lgeDY4>

In parliament on April 11 Minister of Energy and Coal Industry Yuri Prodan stated that Ukraine will file a lawsuit with the Stockholm Arbitration Court on behalf of Naftogaz Ukraine concerning

the 2009 contract with Russia’s Gazprom, which Mr. Prodan argue was “unfair” and “politicized”. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/aoE7S0>

Ukrainian parliament passed a law opening up information about public procurement and revoking legislative moves under the previous administration which hid vast amounts of public funding from public view. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/IwjUkt>

Read concept framework for a law on lustration by Yevhen Zakharov (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/55rg8v>

Chief Rabbi of Odesa Abraham Wolff and representative of the right-wing organization UNA-UNSO together remove anti-Semitic graffiti in Odesa.



Pro-Ukrainian Crimeans face pressure

Many are not willing to become Russian citizens

Ukrainian soldiers on the border between Kherson oblast and Crimea have been left without the most basic necessities, state Kherson residents who have stepped in to help. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/IJvEvt>

The head of the only Ukrainian lyceum in Simferopol and one of only 5 in Crimea has been forced to resign under pressure from Crimean officials. Read more (Eng) at <http://goo.gl/nejfKB>

Crimean “authorities” have announced that by April 18 all Crimean residents must decide on citizenship. After April 18 those who have not written an appeal to keep Ukrainian citizenship will automatically become Russian citizens.

Many in Crimea are in mass rejecting Russian citizenship. People are not willing to give away their Ukrainian passport. Read more (Ukr) at <http://goo.gl/SAq2B8>

The “witch hunt” has started in Russia against public figures who condemned Putin’s aggression against Ukraine. Boris Nemtsov, Aleksey Navalny, Andrey Makarevich, Yurii Shevchuk and others are called “The fifth column” (on this poster) Arbat, central Moscow. Read more at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/wSr00>



People of Ukraine uniting in the face of Russia’s aggression

Maria Stepan and Machiej Bartkowski prove non-violent resistance could be the best solution to beating the Russian invasion in Eastern Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/4ZXQLb>

The hero of Maidan, Cossack Myhaylo Havryliuk, who was tortured by Berkut riot police: **“Today we are facing a common enemy: Russia. That’s why all of us, including the police, army and people,**

should unite to prevent Russia from even thinking of tearing Ukraine apart”. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Hy3A0P>

EuroMaidan SOS: “Sanctions are not enough!” Read the appeal to the to EU Foreign Ministers meeting in Luxemburg at <http://goo.gl/45z8Ea>

Pro-Ukrainian rally
in Odesa, Ukraine
on April 10, 2014

Also watch the
video appeal of the
Kharkiv people to
the international
community at
<http://goo.gl/CqFEf3>



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