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## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 47

### Ukrainians have chosen a new Parliament

UNHCR: 800,000 displaced by the military conflict in Ukraine

On October 26, interim parliamentary elections were held in Ukraine. A divided and confused Donbas voted. Read more and see photos at <http://goo.gl/IN9akX>

Exit polls: New parliament will have 7 political parties. <http://goo.gl/zG4hUX>

51.2% voter turnout, according to OPORA parallel ballot count (infographic) <http://goo.gl/xviwtt>

After polls close, Ukrainians react <http://goo.gl/ZL1dD5>

OPORA preliminary observation report on electoral violations <http://goo.gl/TPk7re>

Ukrainians voting in parliamentary elections expect to put the country on a pro-Western path in an event President Petro Poroshenko has called "historic."

<http://goo.gl/9Nb12R>

President Poroshenko to the people of Ukraine: Vote for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/bG2o8E>

The Committee of Voters of Ukraine: 1.5 million people in the Donetsk oblast (45%) did not take part in the

parliamentary elections. <http://goo.gl/mRxjos>

Ukraine election: Land of chaos and courage by Steve Rosenberg, BBC News. <http://goo.gl/ghvH40>

Ukrainian Public Opinion: Ukrainians opt for a united country, shifting in a Western direction.

<http://goo.gl/16xMNM>

Oct 25, NATO: Russian troops are still inside Ukraine, and Russia is still violating international law.

<http://goo.gl/GP0Ihf>

New evidence published of Russian-made cluster bombs being used in Donbass. <http://goo.gl/1254xt>

As of late October, Ukraine has registered 423,210 internally displaced persons (IDPs). Of these, 18,886 are from Crimea and 375,513 have resettled from the ATO area, including more than 115,000 children.

<http://goo.gl/n6LPkD>

UNHCR Says More Than 800,000 displaced by Ukraine conflict. <http://goo.gl/3uoYKh>

Left: On Oct 26, Ukrainian troops taking part in the military operation in eastern Ukraine receive ballots for the parliamentary elections at a polling station in Novoaidar near Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/9Nb12R>

Right: President of Ukraine visits elections in liberated Kramatorsk on Oct 26 to check the voting process. <http://goo.gl/cvkIuP>



## Parliamentary elections: choice between the old and the new

How have Ukrainian attitudes toward the EU, Russia, and NATO changed? Is it possible to conduct opinion polls in the Donbas? Interview with sociologist Iryna Bekeshkyna. <http://goo.gl/dXEZaF>

When Ukrainians went to the polls on October 26, they seemed poised to upset Ukraine's political status quo; and, at the same time, to shatter the old paradigm of a country hopelessly divided between a pro-European west and a Russia-leaning east. <http://goo.gl/7nbYb3>

Russia will not succeed in inciting inter-religious conflict in Ukraine, believes head of Greek Catholic Church. <http://goo.gl/zSy814>

The electoral fiasco of the Communist Party in Ukraine does not mean less demand for social populism. It only brings to the political arena new players that are better fits for the new structure of Ukrainian society.

<http://goo.gl/5wh35s>

Guardian: Russia poses existential threat to Europe, Soros says. <http://goo.gl/NwibWv>

Goerge Soros: "Europe is facing a challenge from Russia to its very existence. Wake up, Europe!"

<http://goo.gl/iO9Mp9>

Alexander J. Motyl: Leave Putin his scraps.

<http://goo.gl/nSSdZk>

## Russian regular troops once again sighted in Donetsk

### Russian-made cluster bombs reportedly in use

Oct 26, the military situation in the eastern regions of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/14JO8Z>

Map of humanitarian conditions in Donbas ATO zone. <http://goo.gl/1VHdoP>

Human Rights Watch accuses the Ukrainian government of using widespread cluster bombing, yet the OSCE's report that there is no evidence of this raises serious questions about the validity of the HRW report. <http://goo.gl/1SWvN3>

The OSCE SMM continues focusing on the implementation of the provisions of the Minsk Protocol and Memorandum. The situation remains volatile in Donetsk and Luhansk. The SMM was prevented from entering the city of Telmanove. <http://goo.gl/rrME7O>

A marked rise in provocations and groups planning terrorist attacks marks a change in the terrorists' strategy. <http://goo.gl/38IqcU>

Oct 22: Regular Russian army has been again sighted in Donetsk, according to Dmytro Tymchuk, leader of the

group "Informational Resistance". <http://goo.gl/oyJRqc>

"LNR Supreme Council": "Residents who will participate in the elections will be judged by martial law, and any members of the precinct and district election commissions will be shot dead." <http://goo.gl/kLnqBg>

The rector of the Donetsk National Medical University Maxim Gorky (DonNMU), said that he would not submit himself or his university to the control of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) terrorist organization. <http://goo.gl/rOAJsl>

Ukraine's Heroes: Soldier says 'I just want to protect my native land'. <http://goo.gl/uGubZY>

Tracked down and captured by Kremlin-backed militants in early August in retaliation for his mocking street installations, Zakharov says that his captors fractured his left and right ribs and threatened him with execution three times. <http://goo.gl/s5I5eB>

Left: mass funeral ceremony near Zaporizhzhya on October 1 to bury unidentified members of the Ukrainian military.

<http://goo.gl/wLD6kV>

Right: defenders of the Donetsk airport try under fire to extricate the remains of a tank crewman to be buried with military honours.

<http://goo.gl/Iak7iu>



## Crimean "authorities" prosecute Crimean Tatar leaders

### Do Ukrainians in Crimea have to hide their ethnic origin?

Russian President Vladimir Putin has admitted publicly for the first time that Russia helped Viktor Yanukovich flee Ukraine after he was ousted as president in February. <http://goo.gl/wExHOK>

Russia This Week: 'The Bear is Not Going to Ask Permission of Anyone'. <http://goo.gl/axnDAq>

Russia's allies increasingly wary of Moscow's intentions. <http://goo.gl/dzEfmf>

Persecution of elderly activist who exposed Russian soldiers' deaths in Ukraine continues. <http://goo.gl/tJ7CPN>

Kremlin Secret War Exposed: Russian soldiers in St.Petersburg hospital. Russian military hospital refuses to divulge identities of recuperating troops. <http://goo.gl/0Xo8c3>

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov: "We cannot lose Ukraine because it is not confined to a group of persons who committed a state coup and seized power." <http://goo.gl/soCSyx>

Russia may soon adopt a law which would grant waivers of liability to armed paramilitaries in Crimea who have murdered, abducted or beaten opponents to the Russian occupation, as well as those who have seized land and assets. <http://goo.gl/6eWTTZ>

Do Ukrainians in Crimea have to hide their ethnic origin? <http://goo.gl/1neNcR>

Attempts to pressurize the representative-executive body of the Crimean Tatar people into registering as some kind of 'civic organization' are unacceptable, the deputy head of the Mejlis, Akhtem Chyhyzov says. <http://goo.gl/315grF>

Crimean police have arrested Tahir Smedlyaev, the brother of the head of the Central Election Commission of the Qurultay, the Crimean Tatar National Congress. <http://goo.gl/oGtMFO>

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Primate fears his church may be liquidated in Crimea. <http://goo.gl/rUhCyF>



## Ukraine's voter committee: 3 times fewer election violations than 2012

### Crimea will have no direct representation in the new Parliament

Sweeping victory for pro-Europe parties in Ukraine.  
<http://goo.gl/rJatY6>

Voters in Kharkiv split between East and West.  
<http://goo.gl/vjN9kV>

Ukraine's voter committee: 3 times fewer election violations than 2012. <http://goo.gl/AzFYCQ> ;  
<http://goo.gl/UP4N47>

Ranking of political parties' economic programs.  
<http://goo.gl/qBLgqG>

A number of candidates are likely to enter parliament because of their role in defending Ukraine against Russian aggression. Unfortunately there are some whose political background makes their possible victory on a wave of support for war heroes a serious concern.  
<http://goo.gl/WbDqAc>

Minister of Interior Affairs Arsen Avakov announced recent successes by the ministry in fighting election fraud. <http://goo.gl/du9Egj>

In Ukraine, the act of illegally buying votes is known as "grechka," (buckwheat), a slang term dating from a time when election hopefuls handed out gift bags of the Slavic food staple to babushkas in return for their votes.  
<http://goo.gl/LhlX6S>

While Ukraine officially considers Crimea temporarily occupied, the peninsula will have no direct representation in the next Verkhovna Rada from any of its 12 electoral

districts for the first time in Ukraine's independent history. <http://goo.gl/XRkVRV>

The farcical nature of Ukraine's new law on cleaning up the Government was seen within hours of the law coming into force. The publically released list of the first 36 heads to roll was like a modern public execution of suspected witches rather than of known criminals.  
<http://goo.gl/MtwGf2>

Ukraine Justice Minister Introduces Civic Lustration Council. <http://goo.gl/ezBlhL>

The sight of public officials being thrown into trash cans all over Ukraine has become the visible expression of popular anger with corrupt bureaucrats, with lustration becoming a key demand by civil society.  
<http://goo.gl/wq9qvX>

The EU Parliament, despite the ardent resistance on part of radical politicians considered to be 'Putin's friends,' approved the extension of the preferential trade regime for Ukraine for another year. <http://goo.gl/W6LIGP>

Orientalism reanimated: colonial thinking in Western analysts' comments on Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/8cXAf2>

Left: Oct 24: artistic performance in Paris to support Ukraine.

Right: Ukraine activists in London protest over Putin-linked pop stars.  
<http://goo.gl/CXfuqm>



Left: “The Day”, UNDP photo contest winner shows children evacuated from Makeyevka orphanage in Donetsk region.

<http://goo.gl/AICbpR>

Right: Beauty of Ukrainian traditional wear displayed 100 year old photos.

<http://goo.gl/6ZCr7C>



## Prometheus brings light of online courses to Ukraine

A video clip created by Ukrainians gone viral on YouTube with over 5 million views. Watch the Ukrainian group Brunettes Shoot Blondes' composition "Knock Knock" here <http://goo.gl/gbwtOK>

On Oct 21 people in Moscow held single-person pickets outside the notorious Serbski Institute where Ukrainian officer Nadiya Savchenko is undergoing a

forced ‘psychiatric examination’. Their banners included: “They torture POWs here”; and “Back to punitive psychiatry? Pilot Nadiya Savchenko, abducted from Ukraine, is being held here”.

<http://goo.gl/EURKW5>

More than 12,000 people have registered for four online courses that Ukrainian universities are offering on Prometheus, a non-profit web platform created in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/mvHA7>

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