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Eastern Ukraine people are for Unity

Despite the risk to life and health rallies in Donetsk and other cities

April 18, 2014: Pro-Russian militants in the Eastern regions of Ukraine continue their attempts to seize buildings and capture and detain people, while announcing a hunt for Ukrainian-speakers. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/jb5Mpl>

The State Security Service (SBU) announced on April 18 that the nation's policing agencies, including the State Auto Inspection, have intensified other security operations in the Eastern regions. In Kharkiv they have begun inspecting more vehicles entering the region for weapons, ammunition and explosives, while in Donetsk Oblast security forces are creating a cordon between the civilian population and the separatists. Read more at <http://goo.gl/eEUaBd>

Armed militants detained journalist Serhiy Lefter in Slovyansk on April 16. The militants allegedly accused him of involvement with the Right Sector and espionage. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/DFW33X>

Read the April 20 report produced by the SBU's anti-terrorist center at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xc5q3s>

Large pro-Ukrainian rallies have been held in the Eastern cities of Donetsk, Luhansk and Kryvyi Rig. No provocations have been detected. Read the Demonstrator's Observations of a Pro-Ukraine Rally in Donetsk on April 17, 2014 at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/MoU2hZ>; See photos at <http://goo.gl/BiJcmz>

2,000 people rallied for a unified Ukraine in Kryvyi Rig on April 19. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/0EcyFt>

On April 17 the 4-sided negotiations between Ukraine, Russia, US and EU took place in Geneva and were aimed at deescalating the situation in Ukraine. The reached agreement includes the disarmament of illegal armed groups and paramilitary formations in eastern Ukraine, the release of illegally seized government buildings and their return to local authorities, and the removal of checkpoints in the streets to ensure that locals can move freely. An OSCE Monitoring Mission will start working in Ukraine to ensure the de-escalation process. Read the text of the joint Geneva statement on Ukraine at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ZjGRQC>

Acting Foreign Minister of Ukraine Andriy Deshchysya said after his return from Geneva: "Minister Lavrov promised at the meeting that Russia wants de-escalation of the conflict in Ukraine. In a few days we will see if he was sincere". Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/hq3CQy>

One man was shot and three wounded during shooting at a roadblock in Slavyansk on the night of April 19-20. The Ministry of Interior of Ukraine was concerned as to why and how Russian journalists were at the place of conflict exactly when it started; the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) called the incident a "cynical provocation". More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Uip379>; (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/3zRjrn>

Latest from the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine – based on information provided up until 18 April 2014. Full report (Eng) <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/117859>

Peaceful demonstration for the territorial integrity of Ukraine, April 17, 2014 Donetsk, Ukraine



Russia's means of influence: anti-Semitism and ethnic-based violence

In Sloviansk, Eastern Ukraine, separatists began riots targeted at Roma residing in the city. The armed separatists burst into houses inhabited by Roma and beat and robbed them regardless of gender or age, UNIAN reports. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/mPcjuc>
<http://goo.gl/GOYoY4>

Euro-Asiatic Jewish Congress: Russia is still trying to use claims of anti-Semitism to hide its aggression. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/J6Yyw1>

Pro-Russian, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic and hunting of Ukrainian speakers. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/JHVsc6>

The chief rabbi of the eastern region of Donbas has called on Ukrainian security services to protect

the Jewish community after men in balaclavas distributed threatening leaflets outside the synagogue. See video (Eng) <http://goo.gl/IGYIUx>

Co-founder of the social network VKontakte Pavel Durov has reported that Russia's Security Service demanded that he provide personal data about the organizers of EuroMaidan groups on the network. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/4f4DdW>

Russian and pro-Russian right-wing terrorists spreading fear and hate in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/OoCJ88>

Seven differences between Donetsk separatism and EuroMaidan. More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/twQppC>



Despite Pro-Russian Protests, Majority of Ukrainians Lean Towards Europe

Recent surveys indicate that the convergence on issues of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity have substantively accelerated following the Crimea invasion. The Kremlin's recent aggressions in Ukraine have actually united the country in its opposition to Putin and his worldview. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/kUIrTg>

Poll says most in eastern Ukraine regions against joining Russia. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/m9QDmE>

Lubkivsky provided what he called valid proof of Russian "special-ops groups" being deployed on the ground in the Eastern regions of Ukraine, including photos of Russian weaponry, videos, radio chatter, and names of persons. *"In the meantime, Ukraine will move forward: we will hold the presidential elections; the law enforcement renovation is underway; local patriots continue to enlist, as they cannot remain indifferent. The nation is consolidated by the aggression. We will make the next step towards true national unity through responsible governance and strong democracy"*. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Rhd1RO>

Ukraine starts cleaning up the dirty business of state procurement

Simply cleaning up the state's corrupt and non-transparent procurement procedures will mean another 9 to 18 billion USD for Ukraine each year. Read details (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ChglbW>

A \$1 billion loan guarantee is part of a U.S. bilateral assistance package that also includes technical assistance to help Ukraine return to a path of economic recovery. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/EWms0t>

The Cabinet of Minister of Ukraine has allowed up to October 1, 2014 to carry out discussions on amendments to the Constitution concerning decentralization of power. More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/70atqL>

Ukrainian troops conducting anti-terrorist operation near Sloviansk in Donetsk oblast, Ukraine



Ukraine has no future without Europe, but Europe also has no future without Ukraine

Taras Kuzio: The Unthinkable Happens in Europe: Russia Invades Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/wLeUle>

Timothy Snyder: Ukraine has no future without Europe, but Europe also has no future without Ukraine. Throughout the centuries, the history of Ukraine has revealed the turning points in the history of Europe. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/VtZbOj>

Andreas Umland: "Russia wants to create the impression that the European elite supports

Vladimir Putin's actions". Read more at <http://goo.gl/a4KDKV>

For a quarter of a century now, Russia has the dubious distinction of being the biggest provocateur and supporter of separatist projects in neighbouring countries, which mars its prospects. More (Eng) <http://ukrainianweek.com/Politics/107814>

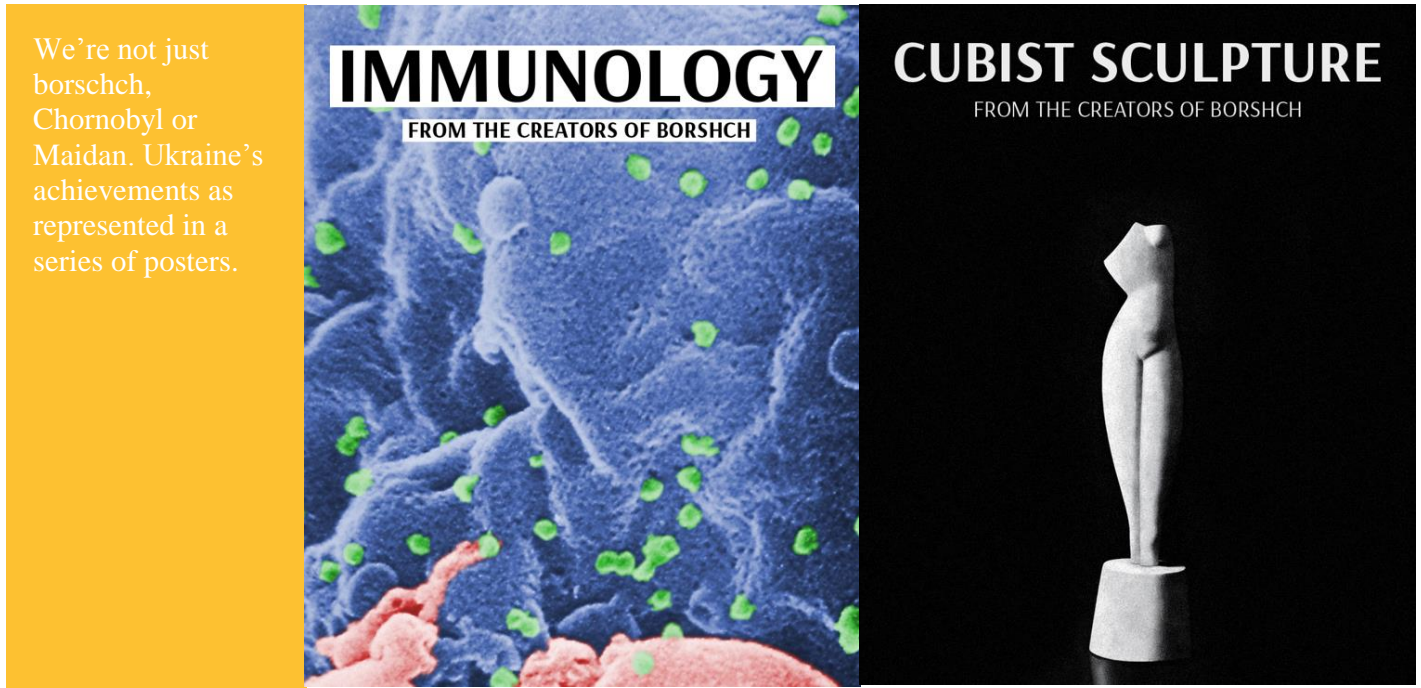
What the US, the EU and Ukraine itself agreed to in Geneva is "worse than Munich", according to A.Illarionov. More (Eng) <http://goo.gl/7kR19s>

Open Your Heart to Ukraine

“Open your heart to Ukraine”. Watch the new music video recorded by artists from Sweden at <http://goo.gl/9kIJ04>

Watch the flash mob conducted by the Ukrainian diplomats on April 18 in Kyiv at <http://goo.gl/iw5H45>

Ukrainian artists have created a series of posters “From the creators of borschch” about the achievement of Ukraine in science, technology, culture and sports. See posters at <http://goo.gl/HVyp5H>



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