



## **Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine January 2015**

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### **Introduction**

January did not bring long-awaited peace to Ukraine and did not improve the economic situation in the country.

The number of ceasefire violations in eastern Ukraine has increased drastically and it was mentioned in the report of the OSCE observers.

Constant violation of the truce, killed soldiers and civilians, media war, ongoing exchange of prisoners...

As of January 28 more than 30 soldiers are in captivity in eastern Ukraine.

The number of victims of the conflict in eastern Ukraine has exceeded 5086 people.

As of the end of January 1,422 soldiers were killed; 112 civilians were killed, 219 wounded.

After 242 days of heroic defense of Donetsk airport Ukrainian military had to leave it due to its complete destruction. More than 16 "cyborgs" are in captivity.

Near Volnovaha as a result of bus shell, killing 13 civilians were murdered and 5 were injured.

13 civilians were killed and 7 wounded due to the shelling of a bus stop in Donetsk.

In Ukraine, to prevent the terrorist threat reinforced patrol mode was introduced.

Mariupol was fired by terrorists: 30 people were killed and more than 100 wounded.

In January active phase of the fourth wave of mobilization took place.

Ukraine has introduced a special permit to the territories controlled by separatists.

President Poroshenko approved the development strategy of Ukraine until 2020.

Supreme Council recognized Russian Federation as an aggressor.

## Prognosis and polls

### **Poll: More than 88% of Ukrainians say 'nyet' to joining Russia, 03.01.2015**

An overwhelming majority of Ukrainians are unenthusiastic about their region joining Russia, with an overall total of 88.3% saying a firm "nyet" to the idea, according to a new poll. In contrast, only 3.1% of those polled in a survey conducted for newspaper ZN.UA by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology said they liked the idea of joining the "Russian world." Similar figures emerged when citizens were asked if they would like their region to be separated from the rest of Ukraine, but remain independent and not join Russia - only 2.6% said they wanted to see the independence of their region. In Odesa, widely touted by Kremlin fans as a "native Russian" city, support for joining the motherland was a firm 0%, as it was in the southeastern city of Kherson. Patriotic feelings vary throughout the country, but there is a general trend of it lessening as one goes from west to east: while in the west support for an independent Ukraine is 94.0% and in the center 98.1%, in the south it is 93.3%, and in the east 81.5%. The study, entitled "The views and opinions of the population of Ukraine: December 2014" was carried out from December 4-19, 2014. The study comprised 3,035 interviews with adult residents of Ukraine who live in 179 settlements of Ukraine. In Luhansk and Donetsk regions the survey was conducted only on territory controlled by the Ukrainian authorities. The poll's statistical sampling error does not exceed 1.8%.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1028682-poll-more-than-88-of-ukrainians-say-nyet-to-joining-russia.html>

### **21% of Ukrainians believe in voluntary return of Crimea - poll, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. More than 20% of Ukrainians believe that Russia-occupied Crimea could voluntarily return to Ukraine in case of Ukraine's turning into developed and economically attractive state, according to a poll conducted by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology commissioned by ZN.ua news website. According to the survey, 18.5% believe that it is necessary to fight for the annexed peninsula. Most respondents believe that Ukraine has lost Crimea forever. This opinion was expressed by 23.5% of Ukrainians. 16% of respondents believe that the prerequisite for a possible return of Crimea is economic and political turmoil in Russia.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/21\\_of\\_ukrainians\\_believe\\_in\\_voluntary\\_return\\_of\\_crimea\\_poll\\_328100](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/21_of_ukrainians_believe_in_voluntary_return_of_crimea_poll_328100)

### **Poll: 16% of Ukrainians hope for support of state, 14% for a miracle, 09.01.2015**

Most Ukrainians do not believe they will get support from their government or from the West, but instead rely on themselves and the help of friends and relatives, according to a new poll. The vast majority of Ukrainians, or 72%, will rely only on themselves this year, according to the results of the poll, which was carried out for Ukrainian newspaper ZN.UA by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology. In general, 29% of respondents rely on friends and relatives, 16% on the state, 14% hope for a miracle, 10% pin hopes on the new faces in the government, 5% on help of the West, 2% on Russia, 0.3% on the return of the old government team to power. It was possible to give more than one answer to this question.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030119-poll-16-of-ukrainians-hope-for-support-of-state-14-for-a-miracle.html>

### **EBRD predicts Ukrainian economy's 5% slump, 19.01.2015**

KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) predicts a 5% slowdown of Ukrainian economy in 2015. "The Ukrainian economy remains in quite a bad shape. Besides the negative impact of the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, there are doubts about volume and terms for providing international financial assistance. After a steep decline in 2014, a further slide of 5% is forecast for current year", the EBRD press service reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ebrd\\_predicts\\_ukrainian\\_economys\\_5\\_slump\\_328325](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ebrd_predicts_ukrainian_economys_5_slump_328325)

## **Corrupt government, oligarchs and actions of the Russian Federation: the Ukrainians named main threats to country's unity, 22.01.2015**

Ukrainians believe that the main factors that can disunite the Ukrainian people are corrupt government (29%), the actions of the oligarchs (29%) and Russia's actions aimed at the separation of Ukraine (25%). Almost the same number of respondents mentions in this regard the information manipulation through the media (24%), the disunity of Ukrainians through political agitation (20%).

These are the results of survey conducted by Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation in December together with Ukrainian Sociology Service.

The Ukrainians are least of all concerned in this regard by "Euromaidan" protests (6%), the actions of the West (9%), the growth of radicalism and nationalism in Ukraine (9%), harassment for language (10%).

9% of respondents believe that "there is no disunity in Ukraine and this view is tried to be forced upon" and only 2% believe that "Ukraine has never been united and it is impossible to unite them."

<http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321099/corrupt-government-oligarchs-and-actions-of-the-russian-federation-the-ukrainians-named-main-threats>

## **Statements of officials**

### **Chaly: Ukraine won't get Crimea, Donbas back unless people there want it, 02.01.2015**

Ukraine will never regain control of Crimea and the parts of Donetsk and Luhansk that have been taken over by armed gangs unless the people who live there want this, the deputy head of the presidential administration of Ukraine, Valeriy Chaly, has said on Radio Liberty.

"To be honest, without the willingness of the people in Crimea and in Donbas to live in a united country, to share the same values and share responsibility, it will not happen," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028520-chaly-ukraine-wont-get-crimea-donbas-back-unless-people-there-want-it.html>

### **Ukrainian, Russian representatives agree on meeting - Steinmeier, 03.01.2015**

KYIV, January 3 /Ukrinform/. Representatives of Russia and Ukraine have agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the issue of ending the conflict in Donbas.

The German Federal Foreign Office reported this on Friday, January 2.

"Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier today held a phone conference with his Ukrainian, Russian and French counterparts, Pavlo Klimkin, Sergei Lavrov and Laurent Fabius. Their talks focused on the situation in eastern Ukraine and in particular on the next steps towards implementing the Minsk Protocol. They agreed that there should be a meeting of the Contact Group as soon as possible," reads the report.

However, it was not mentioned when this meeting could take place.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian-russian-representatives-agree-on-meeting-steinmeier-328092>

### **OSCE doubles its mission in Donbas, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe plans to double observers number in its monitoring mission in Donbas before the end of January.

OSCE spokesman Michael Bociurkiw said this, Radio Liberty reported.

"The number of people in the monitoring mission will be increased from 250 to 500 to improve the security situation," Bociurkiw said.

According to him, the violation of ceasefire is observed every day, and the non-use of heavy weapons as part of the Minsk agreements is not in force.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce-doubles-its-mission-in-donbas-328101>

### **Deputies to be stripped of immunity already this year - Lutsenko, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. Parliamentary immunity will be cancelled in 2015 through the gradual introduction of amendments to the Constitution.

"We should get it [immunity] over with and I do not see any argument for [immunity]. But some of the deputies are looking for these arguments," coordinator of the parliamentary coalition Yuriy Lutsenko said in an interview.

He said that the parliament will reluctantly vote for the cancellation of immunity.

"Anyone who will try to accelerate the changes to the Constitution will certainly tell about the need to add immunity to deputies and to the president. This is a failsafe mechanism that has always disrupted any vote. That's why I'm talking about the need to vote for reforms gradually. Parliamentary immunity should be cancelled, I demonstrate this by all my votes, but I'm not sure that everyone in parliament has the same position. If we now join these issues, we will just fail to vote for both of them. It's necessary to do it in a piecemeal manner," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deputies\\_to\\_be\\_stripped\\_of\\_immunity\\_already\\_this\\_year\\_lutsenko\\_328102](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deputies_to_be_stripped_of_immunity_already_this_year_lutsenko_328102)

### **Odesa police probe latest explosion, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. The crime scene investigation team of Primorsky district police station in Odesa and explosives experts are probing the explosion circumstances at the office for coordinating ATO assistance center that went off at around 23.00 on January 4.

It has been announced by Volodymyr Shabliyenko, the Head of Public Relations at the Interior Ministry Department in Odesa region.

"According to the preliminary conclusions made by the law enforcement officers, another act of terrorism has been committed. Currently, the matter of opening criminal investigation is being considered under this qualifying event. The documents are likely to be submitted for investigation to the SBU office in Odesa region," Shabliyenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/odesa\\_police\\_probe\\_latest\\_explosion\\_328112](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/odesa_police_probe_latest_explosion_328112)

### **Ministry of Social Policy says almost 840,000 persons displaced from Donbas and Crimea, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. "According to the departments for social protection of population, 838,300 internally displaced persons from Donbas and Crimea have been registered as of January 5, 2015," Minister of Social Policy Pavlo Rozenko said.

A total of 176,500 families have received monthly targeted assistance to cover living expenses worth UAH 358.4 million.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ministry\\_of\\_social\\_policy\\_says\\_almost\\_840000\\_persons\\_displaced\\_from\\_donbas\\_and\\_crimea\\_328141](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ministry_of_social_policy_says_almost_840000_persons_displaced_from_donbas_and_crimea_328141)

### **Soros calls on Western countries to allocate Ukraine billions in loans, 08.01.2015**

The New York Review of Books has published an article by financier and philanthropist George Soros calling on the West to take a new position on both Ukraine and Russia.

According to Soros, the sanctions imposed by the West against Russia have been more damaging than anyone could even imagine, mainly because of the rapid fall in oil prices.

"...It would not be surprising if, before it runs its course, this crisis ends up in a default by Russia," Soros writes.

"That would be more than what the US and European authorities bargained for. Coming on top of worldwide deflationary pressures that are particularly acute in the euro area and rising military conflicts such as the one with ISIS, a Russian default could cause considerable disruption in the global financial system, with the euro area being particularly vulnerable.

"There is therefore an urgent need to reorient the current policies of the European Union toward Russia and Ukraine. I have been arguing for a two-pronged approach that balances the sanctions against Russia with assistance for Ukraine on a much larger scale. This rebalancing needs to be carried out in the first quarter of 2015."

The long-term proposal put forward by Soros has six points. Each of them can be implemented entirely or partially and independently of the others, he said.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1029745-soros-calls-on-western-countries-to-allocate-ukraine-billions-in-loans.html>

## **Russian 'aid convoy' crosses Ukrainian border, heads to Donetsk and Luhansk, 08.01.2015**

Another convoy of trucks that Moscow says is carrying humanitarian aid to Ukrainians in the Donbas has crossed the border into Ukraine, the deputy head of the National Center for Crisis Management of the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry, Oleg Voronov, said.

"The customs clearance of humanitarian cargo in Russia's Rostov region at Matveev Kurgan and Donetsk border crossing points was completed. After that, more than 60 vehicles started moving in the direction of Donetsk and the same number of trucks were heading towards Luhansk," he said.

Earlier, a column of more than 120 vehicles of the Ministry of Emergency Situations divided into two before heading for the two Ukrainian cities.

"More than 700 tonnes of humanitarian aid will be delivered to Donetsk, and the same amount to Luhansk," Voronov said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029756-russian-aid-convoy-crosses-ukrainian-border-heads-to-donetsk-and-luhansk.html>

## **US Republicans vow to try to help Ukraine, 08.01.2015**

Chairperson of the Senate Armed Services Committee U.S. Senator John McCain has said he will do all he can to make U.S. assistance to Ukraine more tangible.

"Now, when we have a majority in Congress, we will do everything possible for this issue to remain on the agenda, and not only with regard to Ukraine, which is a persuasive argument itself, but also with the regard to the future of the Baltic countries," McCain said, according to a report on Thursday by U.S. broadcaster Voice of America.

"We must think about what will happen to Moldova and other countries in the region.

"The only scenario that I see is that [Russia] must return Crimea to Ukraine, [and] leave eastern Ukraine, and only after that we can talk about the 'Finlandisation' of Ukraine," McCain said.

"Today, the Achilles heel of the Republican Party is the absence of an absolute majority in Congress. U.S. President Barack Obama can always veto any decision of both chambers," he said.

"However, in a recent interview, Mr. Obama expressed hopes for compromise. He said that he believed in diplomacy, dialogue and cooperation," McCain said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1029791-us-republicans-vow-to-try-to-help-ukraine.html>

## **Four-year passports for children to be issued in Ukraine, 09.01.2015**

As in many EU countries, Ukrainian children are to be issued passports to travel abroad, and the period of their validity will be four years, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said on Friday during a government meeting.

"We have decided that now Ukrainian children won't get [special] travel documents, but they will be provided with foreign passports valid for four years, like in many EU member states.

And [the passports] will meet all European standards," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030170-four-year-passports-for-children-to-be-issued-in-ukraine.html>

## **Merkel: Germany to do all it can to support Ukraine, 09.01.2015**

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that Germany will do everything possible to support Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany said on its Twitter page on Thursday.

"Chancellor Merkel, after a conversation with the Prime Minister [Arseniy] Yatseniuk, [said]: Germany will do everything to support Ukraine on the way to its development," the report reads.

On January 8, in Berlin, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed Ukrainian and European security issues.

Merkel said that she believed that the sanctions imposed by the West on Russia should only be withdrawn once the reasons they were put in place were eliminated.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1030052-merkel-germany-to-do-all-it-can-to-support-ukraine.html>

### **Gorbachev warns of major war in Europe over Ukraine, 09.01.2015**

(Reuters) - Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev warned that tensions between Russia and European powers over the Ukraine crisis could result in a major conflict or even nuclear war, in an interview to appear in a German news magazine on Saturday.

"A war of this kind would unavoidably lead to a nuclear war," the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize winner told Der Spiegel news magazine, according to excerpts released on Friday.

"We won't survive the coming years if someone loses their nerve in this overheated situation," added Gorbachev, 83. "This is not something I'm saying thoughtlessly. I am extremely concerned."

Gorbachev, who is widely admired in Germany for his role in opening the Berlin Wall and steps that led to Germany's reunification in 1990, warned against Western intervention in the Ukraine crisis.

"The new Germany wants to intervene everywhere," he said in the interview. "In Germany evidently there are a lot of people who want to help create a new division in Europe."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/09/us-ukraine-crisis-gorbachev-germany-idUSKBN0K11US20150109>

### **Russia has all grounds to demand from Ukraine early repayment of \$3 billion loan, but no decision has been made yet, 10.01.2015**

Ukraine has breached the conditions governing the provision by Russia of a \$3 billion loan by allowing its state debt to exceed the GDP by 60% and therefore Russia has all grounds to demand early repayment of the loan, but the decision has not been made yet," Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said.

"Ukraine has indeed breached the conditions governing the provision of the loan, namely, the condition that Ukraine's state debt cannot exceed 60% of the GDP," Siluanov told reporters on Saturday commenting on the reports saying that Russia may demand early repayment of the loan from Ukraine due to violation of the conditions governing the provision of this loan.

"It is surprising that the repayment of these state obligations in an amount of \$3 billion is not written in the Ukrainian state budget. However, Ukraine is fulfilling and will continue fulfilling its obligations to other lenders, specifically, the IMF," the minister said.

"Thus, Russia has every reason to demand early repayment of this loan. At the same time, this decision has not been made yet," Siluanov said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/economic/243629.html>

### **Tusk: This year EU should help Ukraine get back on its feet, 10.01.2015**

KYIV, January 10 /Ukrinform/. The situation in Ukraine is one of the four top priority problems to be settled in 2015.

"Help Ukraine get back on its feet," President of the European Council Donald Tusk said this in Riga, defining one of the priorities in the activity of the heads of state and government of the EU member states.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tusk\\_this\\_year\\_eu\\_should\\_help\\_ukraine\\_get\\_back\\_on\\_its\\_feet\\_328151](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tusk_this_year_eu_should_help_ukraine_get_back_on_its_feet_328151)

### **Biometric passports to be issued in Ukraine from January 12 - Yatseniuk, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 10 /Ukrinform/. The issuing of biometric passports will start in Ukraine on Monday, January 12.

"Ukraine will start issuing biometric passports, which will meet international standards, from January 12. This is one of the key conditions for Ukrainians to travel to Europe without a visa," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

He said that 35 terminals that will produce about 30,000 biometric passports within a month had currently been installed. At the same time, 606 points for issuing biometric passports should start operating from February 15, he added.

"By the end of the year we will reach the figure of 2.5 million passports a year, whereas only 1.5 million passports a year are issued now," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/biometric\\_passports\\_to\\_be\\_issued\\_in\\_ukraine\\_from\\_january\\_12\\_yatseniuk\\_328153](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/biometric_passports_to_be_issued_in_ukraine_from_january_12_yatseniuk_328153)

### **Poroshenko hopes visas will be cancelled at summit in Riga, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has met with Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics, who made his first visit to Ukraine as head of the foreign ministry of the country that took over EU presidency from January 1, 2015, the presidential press service has reported.

"The president expressed hope for the successful holding of the Eastern Partnership summit, which is scheduled for May 2015 in Riga," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_hopes\\_visas\\_will\\_be\\_cancelled\\_at\\_summit\\_in\\_riga\\_328160](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_hopes_visas_will_be_cancelled_at_summit_in_riga_328160)

### **Russia Lawmaker Bashes Kiev for DonbAS Shelling Amid French Unity March, 12.01.2015**

Russia's Alexei Pushhkov, who heads the foreign affairs committee at the country's lower house of parliament commented on the Kiev's bombing of eastern Ukraine during the rally of solidarity in France, saying that 'Ukraine was bombing Donbas in a most 'civilized' manner: 5 were killed, including two children'.

MOSCOW, January 12 (Sputnik) — A senior Russian lawmaker has lashed out at Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko for having eastern Ukraine bombed at a time when hearts of "all civilized countries" went out to France and those killed during three days of violence in Paris.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150112/1016781438.html>

### **Putin to Confirm Attendance at Ukraine Summit After Meeting Takes Shape, 12.01.2015**

MOSCOW, January 12 (Sputnik) — Russian President Vladimir Putin will confirm his attendance at the four-way summit talks on Ukraine as soon as the plans for this much-anticipated meeting get beyond the preparatory stage, the president's spokesperson said, as cited by the Russian daily Vedomosti.

"In case preparations for the January 15 meeting become more action-oriented, we will issue a corresponding statement on President Putin's attendance; as for now the meeting is being fleshed out at the expert level, and our further action will depend on the outcome," Putin's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told the newspaper.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150112/1016780373.html>

### **Interpol places Yanukovych, Azarov, other former Ukrainian officials on wanted list, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Interpol has placed fugitive Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych, former Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and a number of other former Ukrainian officials on the international wanted list.

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov reported this on his Facebook page.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/interpol\\_places\\_yanukovych\\_azarov\\_other\\_former\\_ukrainian\\_officials\\_on\\_wanted\\_list\\_328174](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/interpol_places_yanukovych_azarov_other_former_ukrainian_officials_on_wanted_list_328174)

### **Number of Russian soldiers and militants in ATO area 'now exceeds Ukrainian forces', 12.01.2015**

The number of Russian troops and Russian-backed militants in the Donbas conflict zone now exceeds the number of Ukrainian soldiers, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on National Security and Defense Sergiy Pashynskiy said on Monday.

Speaking at a meeting of the coordination board of the leaders of factions and chairmen of parliamentary committees, Pashynskiy said the situation in the conflict zone has deteriorated significantly.

He said this was the first time enemy troop numbers have exceeded the amount of soldiers available to Ukraine, and that legislation to respond to this would be submitted this week by the president, which parliament is required "to consider and adopt in an exceptional and unconditional manner."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030803-number-of-russian-soldiers-and-militants-in-ato-area-now-exceeds-ukrainian-forces.html>

### **Tymoshenko claims budget approved for 2015 has been 'falsified', 12.01.2015**

Several parts of the 2015 budget approved by parliament have been changed in the published version of the document, the leader of the Batkivshchyna faction in the Rada, Yulia Tymoshenko, claimed on Monday.

Speaking at the parliament's Conciliation Council, Tymoshenko said there are discrepancies in certain provisions of the budget related to tax legislation.

"This relates not only to the procedure but directly to the interests of citizens," she said.

"We must not only investigate the hidden falsification, but also give the relevant materials to the competent authorities to punish the perpetrators."

In addition, she said that during the budget vote, which took place on December 29, an agreement was reached regarding increasing social standards starting from July 1, 2015.

"We agreed that the government would analyze this possibility and from July 1 would consider such steps as increasing of social standards by means of indexation," she said.

"In fact, according to the current budget, no increase in pensions and wages in the next two years has been planned, despite the drastic inflation and depreciation of the hryvnia."

Deputy Prime Minister Vyacheslav Kyrylenko denied Tymoshenko's claims. According to him, after the vote, the budget undergoes "a lot of endorsements and signatures" and cannot be changed under an agreement struck within the coalition before the vote.

"We spent hours in coalition meetings. No changes are possible outside that process and without formally submitted documents," Kyrylenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1030781-tymoshenko-claims-budget-approved-for-2015-has-been-falsified.html>

### **EU to Consider Sanctions Relief With Actual Progress on Ukraine: Latvian FM, 12.01.2015**

MOSCOW, January 12 (Sputnik) – The European Union will seriously consider the issue of lifting sanctions against Russia if the situation in Ukraine improves, Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkēvičs said Monday.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150112/1016792582.html>

### **Hroisman says there was no budget fraud, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. "Everything that is written today in the budget is fully consistent with the transcripts and those decisions that have been made," Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Hroisman said.

At the same time, he noted that the data, which were announced today, would be checked.

"And you'll get the information without any obstacles," he said to the media.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman\\_says\\_there\\_was\\_no\\_budget\\_fraud\\_328179](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman_says_there_was_no_budget_fraud_328179)

### **Militants trying to redraw line of contact in Donbas - Pyatt, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. "Today's NSDC map shows the spike in violence as separatists seek to redraw the line they and Russia signed on September 19," U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt wrote on Twitter.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_trying\\_to\\_redraw\\_line\\_of\\_contact\\_in\\_donbas\\_pyatt\\_328181](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_trying_to_redraw_line_of_contact_in_donbas_pyatt_328181)

### **Hroisman promises to abolish parliamentary immunity, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Hroisman believes that parliamentary immunity should be eliminated.

"Parliamentary immunity should be completely eliminated. We just have to vote for this. I've been working in the government for eight years, and I have never had immunity, it doesn't make any difference, it should be just annihilated as a class, because immunity, in particular, brings to the parliament those who may not have wanted to do legislative work," he said.

He said he fully supports the idea of taking this important decision in the near future.

"I gave instructions to the Verkhovna Rada to quickly draft a plan for the abolition of parliamentary immunity," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman\\_promises\\_to\\_abolish\\_parliamentary\\_immunity\\_328182](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman_promises_to_abolish_parliamentary_immunity_328182)



### **All parties stand for implementation of Minsk agreements - Klimkin, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. All foreign ministers and Russian representative stand for strict compliance with the Minsk agreements.

"All the ministers confirmed their adherence to the full and permanent implementation of the Minsk agreements," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said this after a meeting of foreign ministers in Normandy format in Berlin, the Foreign Ministry reported on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/all\\_parties\\_stand\\_for\\_implementation\\_of\\_minsk\\_agreements\\_klimkin\\_328189](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/all_parties_stand_for_implementation_of_minsk_agreements_klimkin_328189)

### **Normandy format meeting in Astana postponed 'for a few weeks', 13.01.2015**

The proposed "Normandy format" meeting between the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France on resolving the Ukrainian crisis has been postponed for "a few weeks," Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs Elmar Brok said.

"The meeting, which was planned for this week, won't be held. There is no agreement among political directors and ministers (of foreign affairs –Ed.) on that the achieved progress is sufficient for this meeting to be held, despite all the preparatory work. It was to be held in the Normandy format. However, it will be postponed for several weeks," he said.

In this regard, Brok said that "he is no more optimistic, as no agreement has been reached on a sufficient number of issues, which could be really important for the outcome".

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1031163-normandy-format-meeting-in-astana-postponed-for-a-few-weeks.html>

### **Normandy format meeting in Astana possible 'after Minsk accords met', 13.01.2015**

A "Normandy format" meeting in Astana between the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France would be possible if the Minsk accords of September 5 and 19, 2014 are implemented in full, the press service of the German Foreign Ministry reported on Tuesday.

The ministry referred to a joint statement of the foreign ministers of Germany, France, Ukraine and Russia issued after the officials met in Berlin on January 12.

According to the statement, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin discussed ways to achieve a peaceful settlement of the situation in Ukraine and the possibility of holding a summit in Astana.

"The ministers reaffirm their strong commitment to a rapid and comprehensive peaceful solution to the current crisis, including the establishment of a continuous political process," the report says.

The heads of the four foreign ministries said that Minsk Protocol is the basis for the conflict settlement and that it must be fully implemented by all parties without any exception.

"They've again reaffirmed the need for the ceasefire to be fully respected," the report reads.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1031180-normandy-format-meeting-in-astana-possible-after-minsk-accords-met.html>

### **Ukraine ready to provide Donbas status of special economic zone - Poroshenko, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is ready to provide Donbas with the status of a special economic zone with its own regime of relations with the EU and Russia.

"Donbas should hold local elections in accordance with the Ukrainian law to achieve the special economic status," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said in an interview with France 24 television channel.

Poroshenko also said that the region already has a special status of local government.

He said that the conflict in Donbas costs Ukraine more than \$10 million a day, and it imposes "great pressure" on the economy.

"No country in the world can ensure economic growth in the context of such a difficult war," Poroshenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_ready\\_to\\_provide\\_donbas\\_status\\_of\\_special\\_economic\\_zone\\_poroshenko\\_328192](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_ready_to_provide_donbas_status_of_special_economic_zone_poroshenko_328192)

### **Council of Europe amounts Berkut's actions on Maidan to torture, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) is going to amount the treatment of Maidan detained protesters to torture.

The corresponding statement has been published in the CPT's report, Kommersant reports.

"There are registered instances of ill-treatment of detainees, which were not justified by expediency of situation. These instances could be considered as amounting to torture," reads the report.

Such ill-treatment, as noted, took place during detention, primary interrogation and delivery to the Internal Affairs divisions. The statement indicates the absence of individual identification numbers on the uniforms of the law enforcers as "one of the key obstacles to further investigation into violations" during the events on Maidan. It is noted that the officers of the Internal Affairs divisions have not been held liable for their misconduct.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/council\\_of\\_europe\\_amounts\\_berkuts\\_actions\\_on\\_maidan\\_to\\_torture\\_328194](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/council_of_europe_amounts_berkuts_actions_on_maidan_to_torture_328194)

### **Boiko offers separate Parliament committee on Donbas, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. Leader of the Opposition bloc faction Yuriy Boiko proposes to establish a separate committee on Donbas in the Ukraine's Parliament.

"Our party initiates the establishment of a separate committee on Donbas, which will draft the laws to return the occupied part of Donbass to Ukraine at the legislative level," Boiko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/boiko\\_offers\\_separate\\_parliament\\_committee\\_on\\_donbas\\_328197](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/boiko_offers_separate_parliament_committee_on_donbas_328197)

### **Pashynsky to do everything to make deputies mobilized, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. People's Front faction MP Serhiy Pashynsky said that the faction was doing everything possible so that MPs would be unable to avoid mobilization into the Ukrainian army.

"We will initiate amendments into the law on mobilization that all Parliamentarians without exceptions should not be able to avoid mobilization, they should be fighting together with their people and defending Ukraine while carrying arms in their hands," Pashynsky said.

He noted that the Ukraine's president will soon submit important laws on the National Guard and mobilization to the Verkhovna Rada. In this regard, Pashynsky appealed to the MPs to give their full support to these laws in order to create the efficient Ukrainian army.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pashynsky\\_to\\_do\\_everything\\_to\\_make\\_deputies\\_mobilized\\_328200](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pashynsky_to_do_everything_to_make_deputies_mobilized_328200)

### **Political Process in Ukraine Requires Dialogue Between Kiev, Donbas: Lavrov, 13.01.2015**

MOSCOW, January 13 (Sputnik) – The political process in Ukraine will only be successful if the self-proclaimed people's republics of Donetsk and Luhansk (DPR and LPR) are involved in a direct dialogue with Kiev, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has stressed.

"There is a growing understanding of the fact that without the start of a multi-faceted constitutional process with the participation of all regions and political powers of Ukraine, it would be difficult to agree on other questions," Lavrov said after a closed-door meeting with his German, French and Ukrainian counterparts in Berlin on Monday.

The Russian Foreign Minister stressed that "this political process can only be successful if a direct dialogue is held...between representatives of the Ukrainian government and the self-proclaimed DPR and LPR".

According to Lavrov, the self-proclaimed republics in Ukraine's southeast (Donbas) must feel like they are "equal partners" in the political process in the country.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150113/1016820183.html>

### **Normandy Quartet Calls for Meeting of Contact Group on Ukraine, 13.01.2015**

BERLIN, January 13 (Sputnik) – The foreign ministers of the Normandy quartet (Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine) are urging the Contact Group on Ukraine to meet as soon as possible in order to speed up the peace process in the crisis-hit country.

"Ministers call on the Contact group to meet in the coming days to make progress on the full implementation of the Minsk agreements, including the creation of the relevant conditions for an effective ceasefire, an agreement on modalities for the delivery of humanitarian aid and the continuation of the release of detainees," a joint press release, published on the website of the German Foreign Ministry Monday says.

According to the statement, a meeting of the Contact Group on Ukraine "would contribute to pave the way to the preparation of a successful summit meeting in Astana".

The statement was issued after German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier held a closed-door meeting with his Russian, French and Ukrainian counterparts in Berlin on Monday. According to Steinmeier, Normandy quartet foreign ministers could meet again in the coming days ahead of the Astana summit.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150113/1016821317.html>

### **Ukraine's General Staff to mobilize 50 thousand reservists more, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The average rate of fourth mobilization round will be 2.5% of total reservists listed in military records, and the total number of mobilized Ukrainian reservists may amount to about 50 thousand persons.

First Deputy Chief of the defence planning and mobilization department at the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Major-General Volodymyr Talalay announced the news at a press conference held at Ukrinform news agency on Tuesday. "The exact number of personnel to be mobilized is the information that is not subject to disclosure. The estimated amount is about 50 thousand reservists," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines\\_general\\_staff\\_to\\_mobilize\\_50\\_thousand\\_reservists\\_more\\_328210](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines_general_staff_to_mobilize_50_thousand_reservists_more_328210)

### **Yatseniuk urges local authorities to adopt budgets as soon as possible, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13/Ukrinform/. Various levels local budgets for 2015 should be adopted ASAP. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this during a telephone conference with the heads of regional state administrations on Tuesday.

"I ask all Ukrainian regions to accelerate the process and immediately adopt their own budgets," Yatseniuk said, adding that Kiev region had already done it.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk\\_urges\\_local\\_authorities\\_to\\_adopt\\_budgets\\_as\\_soon\\_as\\_possible\\_328212](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_urges_local_authorities_to_adopt_budgets_as_soon_as_possible_328212)

### **UN Security Council adopts statement on Volnovakha despite Russian delegation pressure, source says, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The UN Security Council strongly condemned the heinous terrorist shelling of passenger bus near Volnovakha in Donetsk region, killing civilians.

The corresponding statement was adopted by the Security Council on Tuesday evening, despite diplomatic resistance from the Russian delegation, an Ukrinform source close to the decision-making processes in the UN headquarters reports.

"The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the killing of 11 civilians and the injuring of 17 others, including women and children, in the wake of shelling of a passenger bus near Volnovakha, Donetsk region, on January 13, 2015," reads the document.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un\\_security\\_council\\_adopts\\_statement\\_on\\_volnovakha\\_despite\\_russian\\_delegation\\_pressure\\_source\\_says\\_328220](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_security_council_adopts_statement_on_volnovakha_despite_russian_delegation_pressure_source_says_328220)

### **Poroshenko asked to announce day of mourning, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The People's Front faction asked the Ukrainian president to announce a day of mourning for those killed in Volnovakha tomorrow.

MP of the People's Front faction Andriy Teteruk said this in Vekhovna Rada of Ukraine.

"We ask the president to announce a day of mourning for those killed in Volnovakha tomorrow," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_asked\\_to\\_announce\\_day\\_of\\_mourning\\_328227](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_asked_to_announce_day_of_mourning_328227)

### **Hontareva says IMF satisfied with National Bank, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The mission of the International Monetary Fund has noted the implementation of its recommendations by the National Bank of Ukraine.

National Bank Governor Valeria Hontareva said this at a meeting with the heads of the largest Ukrainian banks, the National Bank of Ukraine reported on its official Facebook page.

"Our colleagues from the IMF confirmed the National Bank's implementation of all recommendations of the fund," Hontareva said.

She stressed the importance of international community's support of financial stability of Ukraine. She said that the EU intends to allocate EUR 1.8 billion of macro-financial assistance for Ukraine, and the U.S. plans to allocate up to \$2 billion in loan guarantees.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hontareva\\_says\\_imf\\_satisfied\\_with\\_national\\_bank\\_328225](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hontareva_says_imf_satisfied_with_national_bank_328225)

### **Turchynov: Militants intensify attacks after arrival of 'aid convoys', 14.01.2015**

Increases in the number of attacks on the positions of the Ukrainian armed forces usually coincide with the crossings by Russian humanitarian aid convoys of the uncontrolled part of the border, the secretary for the National Security and Defense Council Oleksandr Turchynov said on Tuesday, according to an UNIAN correspondent.

"There have been 84 attacks on Ukrainian army positions by Russian-backed insurgents in the last few days," Turchynov said.

"This is a record number since the beginning of the year, and it doesn't coincide by chance with the arrival of another so-called Russian humanitarian convoy," he said.

"The intensification of attacks usually coincides with the crossing of the uncontrolled part of the border of the so-called Russian humanitarian convoys, which replenish the firing power of the Russian-terrorist groups under the guise of bringing humanitarian assistance.

"Such actions by the Russian Federation led to Tuesday's tragedy, when a passenger bus was hit by a shell fired by Russian-backed militants from occupied territory, resulting in the deaths of innocent civilians.

"Such activities by Russia and its 'humanitarian aid' lead to the conscious disruption of any format of peace agreements, and destroy all previously issued guarantees of a ceasefire.

"The killing of innocent people, like the shooting down of the [Malaysia Airlines] Boeing, is more evidence of the brutal nature of Russian policies.

"Such a series of criminal acts requires an appropriate response from Ukraine, and will be investigated by the Hague Tribunal."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1031718-turchynov-militants-intensify-attacks-after-arrival-of-aid-convoys.html>

### **Medvedev: Russia may require early repayment of \$3 bln loan by Ukraine, 14.01.2015**

Russian Prime Minister Dmitriy Medvedev has said that the Russia has every reason to demand that Ukraine repay early a \$3 billion loan that Moscow gave Ukraine in late 2013 when former President Viktor Yanukovich was still in office.

Medvedev again said that Ukraine has violated some of the conditions of the loan.

"By the way, it is necessary to demand the strict fulfillment of [the conditions] of the loans, for which Russia has claims," Medvedev said.

"We have many such cases, the most prominent one is the \$3 billion loan provided by our country to Kyiv. It is a state loan, without taking into account the huge commercial debt to the banks.

"One of the conditions was restricting the level of public debt of Ukraine at 60% of its GDP. As of today, this condition has been violated, so regardless what Ukrainian leaders are saying, we have every reason to demand the early repayment of the loan - that means the fulfillment of contractual obligations."

"Let's face it, we do not want a default of Ukraine - on the contrary, we need a sound partner, given the difficulties that Ukraine is facing, but it is necessary to pay debts - public and commercial. So we have to make a decision on this matter in the near future."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1031835-medvedev-russia-may-require-early-repayment-of-3-bln-loan-by-ukraine.html>

### **Chief OSCE Monitor Calls for restraint in Donbas after Bus Attack, 14.01.2015**

According to a statement of the OSCE, the Chief of the SMM "called upon all sides of the Ukrainian conflict to exercise maximum restraint in eastern Ukraine", emphasizing that the situation in the region has "significantly deteriorated".

DONETSK, January 14 (Sputnik) – The Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan, has called for an immediate de-escalation in the country's crisis-hit eastern regions (Donbas), where a recent attack on a bus resulted in the death of 11 people.

According to a statement released by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Tuesday, Apakan "called upon all sides [to the Ukrainian conflict] to exercise maximum restraint in eastern Ukraine" emphasizing that the situation in the region has "significantly deteriorated".

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150114/1016865503.html>

### **Saakashvili: Ukrainian cabinet has another Georgian, 14.01.2015**

Georgian citizen Gia Getsadze has been appointed First Deputy Minister of Justice, Former Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili wrote on his Facebook page on Wednesday.

"My friend Gia Getsadze has been appointed First Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine ..." Saakashvili wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1031888-saakashvili-ukrainian-cabinet-has-another-georgian.html>

### **Ukraine Fails to Fit Minimum Fiscal Transparency Standards, 15.01.2015**

WASHINGTON, January 15 (Sputnik) — The government of Ukraine did not meet US requirements for fiscal transparency due to obscurity in the energy sector and natural resource tenders, according to US 2014 Fiscal Transparency Report published on 15.01.15.

"While Ukraine's national budget and budget execution reports are readily available to the public, the former government of Ukraine did not include quasi-fiscal activities in the energy sector in the state budget," the report said listing Ukraine among states that did not meet US minimum requirements for fiscal transparency.

The report details that neither Ukraine government revenues nor the financials of significant state-owned enterprises were permitted to be audited.

"Criteria for natural resource tenders, aside from production sharing agreements for oil and gas, were not made public," the report continued.

<http://sputniknews.com/politics/20150115/1016910655.html>

### **US Senator Menendez called on Obama to implement Ukraine Freedom Support Act, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Ranking Member of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called on the White House to implement the provisions of the Ukraine Freedom Support Act adopted last December.

The Senator announced the news in the statement published on his personal web page.

"Russian-supplied proxies in eastern Ukraine continue to cause havoc on the lives of innocent people in the region, as well as impede prospects for regional peace," the American lawmaker said. He expressed indignation at shelling of a passenger bus near Volnovakha town.

He also said kidnapping and imprisonment in Russia of Ukrainian Air Force pilot, Nadiya Savchenko, who has been on a hunger strike, is "unacceptable." "Her immediate release is absolutely critical," he said in the statement.

"These most recent attacks by Russian-supported forces serve as further proof that the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 which passed Congress unanimously and was signed into law (by the President-ed.) in December must be fully implemented," Senator said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us\\_senator\\_menendez\\_called\\_on\\_obama\\_to\\_implement\\_ukraine\\_freedom\\_support\\_act\\_328251](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_senator_menendez_called_on_obama_to_implement_ukraine_freedom_support_act_328251)

### **Tusk: No solution for Ukraine to be found without European strategy on Russia, 15.01.2015**

A long-term solution for Ukraine can't be found without there being a united European strategy towards Russia, the head of the European Council Donald Tusk said on Wednesday after a meeting with Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite, according to his press office.

We will not find long-term solutions for Ukraine without a solid, consistent and united European strategy towards Russia. We began this discussion with all the leaders at the December European Council, where we decided to stay the course. We will return to this issue at our meeting in March," Tusk said.

"Ukraine, eastern neighborhood and relations with Russia will remain top questions on the agenda of the EU in 2015," he said.

He noted that he had repeatedly said that the EU policy regarding the east wasn't a policy against Russia.

"Our policy is to support our eastern neighbors, to help them become modern, prosperous and democratic societies," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1032151-tusk-no-solution-for-ukraine-to-be-found-without-european-strategy-on-russia.html>

### **Undeclared war takes Ukraine's economy down, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. The undeclared war takes down Ukraine's economy and its financial sector so that it requires assistance from international partners.

Ukraine's Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko announced the news on the air of "Ukrainian radio" on Wednesday," the press service of the ministry has reported.

"International partners realize the undeclared war with Russia costs us dearly. We have about 850,000 internally displaced persons, 20% of the economy such as infrastructure, land, industrial sector have suffered damages. Additionally, we still finance and provide the occupied territories with heating, gas, electricity but these expenses remain unpaid. The total cost of current heating season amounts to about one billion US Dollars. The price tag is enormous for us but we are defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country. I think the international community understands our situation," she said.

The minister highly appreciates relations with international partners and she can seek compromises and mutual benefits while working with them.

Last year was extremely difficult for Ukraine. The New Year kicked off with similar challenges. We face a quite difficult financial situation that requires assistance from international partners. We have already received the first positive signals. The European Commission decided to lend Ukraine 1.8 billion Euros. Germany gave us about 500 million Euros in loans when we were together with the Prime Minister on an official visit to Berlin. Also, the US government announced additional \$2 billion in guaranteed credits on Ukraine's eurobonds," Jaresko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/undeclared\\_war\\_takes\\_ukraines\\_economy\\_down\\_328259](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/undeclared_war_takes_ukraines_economy_down_328259)

### **Mogherini criticized for indecision policy towards Ukraine, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. MEP Jacek Saryusz-Wolski expressed criticism of the EU policy on resolving the situation in Ukraine.

The Polish MP said this during a debate on the situation in Ukraine in the European Parliament, an Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Why the European Union and you as High Representative is absent in Ukrainian talks? And why your chair is empty ... why nothing has been done for Ukraine within the common security and defense policy framework? Why there is no EU labeling on humanitarian goods for Ukraine? Why there is no information campaign to counter Russia's information war," he said. Saryusz-Wolski expressed the belief that this EU policy is ineffective.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mogherini\\_criticized\\_for\\_indecision\\_policy\\_towards\\_ukraine\\_328256](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mogherini_criticized_for_indecision_policy_towards_ukraine_328256)

## **European continental war possible - Ukraine's Secretary of NSDCU Turchynov, 15.01.2015**

According to the Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Turchynov, Russia can attack Ukraine by using its military forces.

Turchynov spoke about two scenarios the situation could develop.

The first scenario describes resumption of active military operations and the offensive mounted by Russian military forces that will lead to the start of a full-scale continental war in Europe.

The second scenario depicts the Kremlin attempts to destabilize the situation in Ukraine and provide for a surge in terrorist activities so that the confrontation turns into a long-lasting military conflict.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european\\_continental\\_war\\_possible\\_ukraines\\_secretary\\_of\\_nsdcu\\_turchynov\\_328260](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_continental_war_possible_ukraines_secretary_of_nsdcu_turchynov_328260)

## **Russia to disrupt new wave of mobilization, Turchynov says, 15.01.2015**

Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council Oleksandr Turchynov assumes that the Russian intelligence will try to disrupt or to complicate the process of the next wave of partial mobilization in Ukraine.

He said this, representing the President's Decree "On Partial Mobilization" in the parliament.

"We must be aware of the fact that the intelligence of the Russian Federation will do everything to disrupt mobilization, or at least to complicate its implementation, including in this [Parliament's session] hall," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_to\\_disrupt\\_new\\_wave\\_of\\_mobilization\\_turchynov\\_says\\_328261](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_to_disrupt_new_wave_of_mobilization_turchynov_says_328261)

## **52 thousand Russian soldiers stay on Ukraine's border, Turchynov says, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. About 36 thousand soldiers, including 8.5 thousands of regular Russian army officers, stay in the occupied area of Donbas.

Secretary of the NSDC Oleksandr Turchynov announced this, representing the President's Decree "On Partial Mobilization" in the parliament.

"The military groups of more than 36 thousand people, including 8.5 thousand soldiers of regular troops of the RF, are deployed in the occupied area of the Donbas," he said.

According to Turchynov, the terrorist groups in eastern Ukraine have significant combat capabilities: 542 tanks, 990 armored combat vehicles, nearly 694 units of artillery systems, including rocket launchers, 4 units of reactive systems of localized strike, and about 57 units of surface-to-air missile systems.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/52\\_thousand\\_russian\\_soldiers\\_stay\\_on\\_ukraines\\_border\\_turchynov\\_says\\_328265](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/52_thousand_russian_soldiers_stay_on_ukraines_border_turchynov_says_328265)

## **Steinmeier beware of conflict escalation in Ukraine, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier believes that the threat of war in Europe still maintains. He also pointed out the danger of a new escalation of the armed conflict in Ukraine, DW news website reported.

"The danger posed by this conflict is not resolved," he said in an interview with Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper, released on Thursday, January 15.

"Both sides need to understand that there cannot be a military solution of the conflict," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier\\_beware\\_of\\_conflict\\_escalation\\_in\\_ukraine\\_328263](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_beware_of_conflict_escalation_in_ukraine_328263)

## **European Commission advised to strike Russian lie, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. European Parliament calls on the European Commission to develop and submit a strategy to counter Russia's propaganda in two months.

This is stated in the European Parliament's resolution on the situation in Ukraine adopted on Thursday in Strasbourg.

"The European Parliament calls on the European Commission and the European Commissioner for European neighbourhood policy and enlargement negotiations to submit the communication strategy to counter Russia's propaganda campaign, focused on the EU's eastern neighbors and Russia itself, within two months," MEPs suggested.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european\\_commission\\_advised\\_to\\_strike\\_russian\\_lie\\_328271](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_commission_advised_to_strike_russian_lie_328271)

### **Cameron, Obama pledge to maintain pressure on Putin, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Great Britain and the U.S. will continue to "put diplomatic pressure on Russia to resolve the crisis in Ukraine."

Prime Minister David Cameron and U.S. President Barack Obama said this in a joint interview with The Times newspaper published on Thursday.

"If we allow such fundamental breaches of international law [Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine] to go unchecked, we will all suffer from the instability that would follow. Our strong and united response has sent an unmistakable message that the international community will not stand by as Russia attempts to destabilize Ukraine," Cameron and Obama said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cameron\\_obama\\_pledge\\_to\\_maintain\\_pressure\\_on\\_putin\\_328274](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cameron_obama_pledge_to_maintain_pressure_on_putin_328274)

### **Ukraine pays debts, Jaresko assures, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine fully repays its international external obligations, Ukraine's finance minister Natalie Jaresko said in the Verkhovna Rada in course of "The hour of questions to the Government".

"Despite information campaign about the alleged insolvency of Ukraine, I once again argue that the country fully repays all of its external financial obligations," she said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_pays\\_debts\\_jaresko\\_assures\\_328290](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_pays_debts_jaresko_assures_328290)

### **Government seizes \$ 1.3 bln of Yanukovich regime assets, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. The government managed to seize USD 1.3 billion of assets owned by the representatives of the regime of ex-president Viktor Yanukovich.

This was stated by Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk in course of "The hour of questions to the Government" in the Verkhovna Rada, an Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"The government seized USD 1.3 billion. Thanks to your assistance and the adoption of the law on trial in absentia, we will continue seizing assets of the former regime," he said to MPs.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government\\_seizes\\_13\\_bln\\_of\\_yanukovich\\_regime\\_assets\\_328291](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_seizes_13_bln_of_yanukovich_regime_assets_328291)

### **Yatseniuk instructs to change Ukrnafta management, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. "I instruct in public the energy and coal industry minister to convene a general meeting of shareholders of the company "Ukrnafta", putting the changes in the company's management on the agenda," Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said in course of "The hour of questions to the Government" in the Verkhovna Rada.

He noted that the law on quorum of shareholders does not apply to "Ukrnafta".

"That is why I address the members of Parliament to make appropriate changes to the law," the PM stated.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk\\_instructs\\_to\\_change\\_ukrnafta\\_management\\_328292](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_instructs_to_change_ukrnafta_management_328292)

### **Investigations into cases of Maidan protesters intensified, Yarema says, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. "The establishment of the office for special investigations has intensified the work. A lot of investigative actions and operational-search activities have been carried out. We have also involved a larger number of the officers of security and law-enforcement agencies," Prosecutor General of Ukraine Vitaliy Yarema said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/investigations\\_into\\_cases\\_of\\_maidan\\_protesters\\_intensified\\_yarema\\_says\\_328294](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/investigations_into_cases_of_maidan_protesters_intensified_yarema_says_328294)

### **Kobolev: Gazprom's statement to terminate gas transit through Ukraine political bluff, 16.01.2015**

Ukraine's Naftogaz Chairman of the Board Andriy Kobolev commented on the statement made by Gazprom's Chairman Alexey Miller on Russian natural gas transport to Europe via Turkey.

"Gazprom's intention to interrupt abruptly long-term relationships with the European Union unless Europeans start to urgently build a gas pipeline to receive Russian gas at the Turkish-Greek border is devoid of economic reasons and it surprises us. It is a political bluff," Kobolev said, according to Naftogaz press service.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kobolev\\_gazproms\\_statement\\_to\\_terminate\\_gas\\_transit\\_through\\_ukraine\\_political\\_bluff\\_328295](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kobolev_gazproms_statement_to_terminate_gas_transit_through_ukraine_political_bluff_328295)



### **Moscow Hopes Kiev's Military Mobilization Poses no Threat to Crisis Talks, 16.01.2015**

MOSCOW, January 16 (Sputnik) – The recent announcement by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko of military mobilization in the country is unhelpful in settling the crisis in eastern Ukraine and Moscow hopes that it will not lead to the collapse in the negotiations process, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Friday.

"Of course, any actions that are tied with military preparedness don't help the process within the Contact Group or the processes in the Normandy Four [negotiations]," Lavrov said during a joint press conference with Tanzanian Foreign

"In contacts with President Poroshenko, President Putin has constantly emphasized the great malignancy in this sort of accounts, which apparently the so-called War Party in Kiev is conveying," Lavrov said.

Lavrov also expressed concerns the mobilization undermined the declaration adopted by foreign ministers at a meeting to discuss the Ukrainian crisis in Berlin on Monday held in the Normandy format.

"This will undermine the declaration that the foreign ministers of Russia, Germany, Ukraine and France agreed to on January 12 in Berlin, in which the peaceful settlement of the Ukrainian crisis is the only approach," Lavrov said.

"We hope that all of these announcements won't lead to the collapse [of the agreements] and into an armed conflict," the Russian diplomat said.

<http://sputniknews.com/europe/20150116/1016970215.html>

### **Moscow Says Kiev May Resort to Use of Force Again E Ukrainian Standoff, 16.01.2015**

MOSCOW, January 16 (Sputnik) — "The events occurring in the past few days confirm the most serious concerns. Unfortunately, we are witnessing the escalation of military actions, the increase in shelling and number of casualties, a new destruction," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin said.

According to officials from the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics, there are no signs progress in peaceful reconciliation in eastern Ukraine, with 57 instances of shelling by Kiev led forces in the last 24 hours in violation of the ceasefire.

<http://sputniknews.com/russia/20150116/1016988813.html>

### **Internal Ministry: Yanukovich not extradited, if he is already Russian citizen, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine has virtually no chance of successful extraditing of ex-president Viktor Yanukovich from Russia, if he did get Russian citizenship.

Chief of Staff of the Ukraine's Internal Ministry Mykhailo Verbensky said this in commentary to.

"If the information of that he [Yanukovich] is already a citizen of the Russian Federation is confirmed, there is no chance that they [Russia] will ever extradite him," Verbensky said.

He explained that the national legislation of the Russian Federation, as well as that of Ukraine and number of other states, provides for refusal to extradite a person, who committed an offence outside the country.

"In this case, Yanukovich and other internationally wanted former members of the Ukrainian government may fall under the protection of the state on the condition, of course, that they are its nationals," Verbensky said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/internal\\_ministry\\_yanukovich\\_not\\_extradited\\_if\\_he\\_is\\_already\\_russian\\_citizen\\_328301](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/internal_ministry_yanukovich_not_extradited_if_he_is_already_russian_citizen_328301)

### **PGO investigates Korolevska and Yefremov for allegedly funding separatism, 17.01.2015**

The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine (PGO) is investigating the alleged involvement of MP Natalia Korolevska (Opposition Bloc's faction) and former member of Party of Regions Oleksandr Yefremov, in funding separatism.

"We have registered the criminal proceeding about four days ago indeed, and the investigation is being conducted due to MP Iryna Heraschenko's address to media... The investigation is being conducted. For now, I can't say how much evidence has been gathered. All the facts of

the criminal proceeding are being examined," Prosecutor General Vitaliy Yarema said at a briefing on Friday, when answering a question on whether the prosecutor's office had gathered evidence of Korolevska and Yefremov's alleged involvement in funding separatism.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/245223.html>

### **Belarus supports Ukraine's integrity and will never opt for aggression against it – Ambassador, 17.01.2015**

"For us, Ukraine isn't only a good and reliable neighbor, but also a kin country that finds itself in difficult circumstances. However, I'll emphasize it at once, head of our state said that Belarus would never opt for aggression," Belarusian Ambassador to Kyiv Valentin Velichko said in an interview with 'Ukraina Dyplomatychna' (diplomatic Ukraine) magazine.

The interview was posted on the website of Belarusian Foreign Ministry.

The ambassador also noted that "Belarus will never allow other countries to bring troops in your country [Ukraine] from its [Belarusian] soil."

"We support Ukraine as an integral unitary state in terms of the current Constitution that excludes federalization," the diplomat said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/245214.html>

### **Volnovakha bus was hit by rocket fired from terrorist-controlled territories – OSCE, 17.01.2015**

Observers of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission concluded that all the inspected craters of the Volnovakha tragedy killing 13 civilians were caused by rockets fired from a north-north-eastern direction, the OSCE Special Source Monitoring Mission report based on information received as of 18:00 (Kyiv time), 16 January 2015.

The SMM conducted a comprehensive inspection, focusing on five craters caused by explosions that had occurred during the incident.

"The investigation included comprehensive crater analysis of two specific blast craters, including the crater located 10 meters from the side of the passenger bus. In the SMM's assessment all craters examined were caused by rockets fired from a north-north-eastern direction," the observers stated.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320355/volnovakha\\_bus\\_was\\_hit\\_by\\_rocket\\_fired\\_from\\_terroristcontrolled\\_territories\\_osce](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320355/volnovakha_bus_was_hit_by_rocket_fired_from_terroristcontrolled_territories_osce)  
<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/135211>

### **"We will not give up a single meter of our land and regain Donbas!" – Poroshenko, 18.01.2015**

"Ukraine has demonstrated that it is a peace-loving European state. Today the "cyborgs" have demonstrated courage, patriotism and heroism in the Donetsk airport and gave an example of how to protect Ukraine. We will not give up a single meter of our land and regain Donbas! We will return Ukrainian identity of the Donbas and demonstrate that another precondition of our victory is unity," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said after the prayer for the fallen Ukrainian warriors, the Heavenly Hundred Heroes and those who had been murdered by terrorists, including victims of the Volnovakha tragedy when 13 passengers of a civilian bus had died as a result of terrorists' shelling of a checkpoint.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320402/we\\_will\\_not\\_give\\_up\\_a\\_single\\_meter\\_of\\_our\\_land\\_and\\_regain\\_donbas\\_poroshenko](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320402/we_will_not_give_up_a_single_meter_of_our_land_and_regain_donbas_poroshenko)

### **Ukraine offers ceasefire in the Donbas conflict area to start January 19 - Ukraine's Foreign Ministry, 19.01.2015**

Ukraine offers Russia to sign an implementation schedule of Minsk agreement in the redaction of November 13, 2014 and provide the ceasefire of 19 January, the statement by the MFA of Ukraine says.

"Ukraine strictly adheres to Minsk agreement provisions and requires the same from Russia.

On November 13 2014, representatives of Ukraine and Russia signed a working document which provided for a clear schedule of Minsk memorandum implementation, including bilateral

ceasefire, withdrawal of heavy weapons and return to the demarcation line. The Russian party called off its signature from the present document," the Foreign Ministry said.

"On January 18, Ukraine once again appealed to the Russian Federation with a proposal to sign a schedule for implementation of Minsk agreement is in the redaction of November 13 and ensure a cease fire effective from January 19," the statement notes.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry believes the document will provide for an immediate cease fire and protect civilians from gunmen's attacks occurring in last four months in the region.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_offers\\_ceasefire\\_in\\_the\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_area\\_to\\_start\\_january\\_19\\_ukraines\\_foreign\\_ministry\\_328318](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_offers_ceasefire_in_the_donbas_conflict_area_to_start_january_19_ukraines_foreign_ministry_328318)

### **Putin writes Poroshenko on cease fire, 19.01.2015**

KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a message to Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko about the need to comply with cease fire regime by the parties to the conflict and agreement on the withdrawal of heavy artillery from the demarcation line.

It is reported in the statement made by the Russian Foreign Ministry about the situation to resolve the Donbas conflict.

"Despite arguments about one of the sections of the demarcation line, the Russian party offered an urgent start of heavy weapons withdrawal from the conflict line according to the coordinates on which the Ukrainian side insists," the statement said.

Also the ministry said the Russian party will be ready to apply its influence on "militants" to persuade them to accept such an option and "avoid further civilian casualties."

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin\\_writes\\_poroshenko\\_on\\_cease\\_fire\\_328320](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_writes_poroshenko_on_cease_fire_328320)

### **UN Secretary-General calls for prevention of further deterioration of the situation in Donbas, 19.01.2015**

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has expressed concern at the escalation of hostilities in the region of Donetsk airport, Russian news website Lenta.ru has reported.

Ban expressed his willingness to support any efforts aimed at resumption of the peace process, according to a statement published by the UN press service.

"The Secretary-General is alarmed by the severe exacerbation of the struggle for control of the Donetsk airport, which has caused numerous casualties and threatens to derail the peace process. He calls on all parties to fulfill their obligations under the Protocol and Memorandum of Minsk, and as a first step – an immediate and complete cessation of hostilities," the statement reads.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1033378-un-secretary-general-calls-for-prevention-of-further-deterioration-of-the-situation-in-donbas.html>

<http://itar-tass.com/mezhdunarodnaya-panorama/1705324>

### **Bus near Volnovakha shelled by three Grad missile systems from Dokuchayevsk - Ukraine's Prosecutor's office, 19.01.2015**

KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. Investigators from the Ukraine's General Prosecutor's Office have found the passenger bus near Volnovakha was shelled by three Grad missile systems located in the outskirts of Dokuchayevsk, a town 25 kilometers south of Donetsk under gunmen's control.

"Staff of Donetsk branches of the Security Service of Ukraine and General Prosecutor's Office by using procedural actions have identified the total of 88 explosion craters in near Ukrainian army checkpoint. According to the expert's conclusion, explosion craters were formed as a result of simultaneous uncontrolled fragmental-explosive shells M21OF, 9 M22U rockets launched from at least three Grad BM21 multiple launch rocket systems hitting ground,"

Attorney General Vitaliy Yarema said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bus\\_near\\_volnovakha\\_shelled\\_by\\_three\\_grad\\_missile\\_systems\\_from\\_dokuchayevsk\\_ukraines\\_prosecutors\\_office\\_328327](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bus_near_volnovakha_shelled_by_three_grad_missile_systems_from_dokuchayevsk_ukraines_prosecutors_office_328327)

### **Putin's informal advisor says about use of "some forces" against Ukraine, 19.01.2015**

KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. Russian political analyst, who calls himself an advisor of Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russian military could invade Ukraine, according to the report in The Daily Beast, an American online news magazine.

According to the article's author, Markov said the Ukraine's National Security and Defense Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov's statement on full-scale war could be realized.

"Some Russian forces might get involved to help out the army of Novorossia, in case Ukrainian forces re-arm and advance," Markov said.

Also, "he admitted without going into details that "at least twice, in August and September, some Russian military were on Ukrainian soil.""

Markov works as a vice rector at the Plekhanov Russian University and sees his mission as the Kremlin's consultant.

"I pass my advice through Naryshkin (Sergei Naryshkin is Russian State Duma Speaker - ed)."

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putins\\_informal\\_advisor\\_says\\_about\\_use\\_of\\_some\\_forces\\_against\\_ukraine\\_328328](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putins_informal_advisor_says_about_use_of_some_forces_against_ukraine_328328)

### **Another 2,000 Russian soldiers crossed the Ukrainian border – Poroshenko, 21.01.2015**

President Poroshenko announced that another 2,000 Russian soldiers had crossed the border with Ukraine.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320892/another\\_2000\\_russian\\_soldiers\\_crossed\\_the\\_ukrainian\\_border\\_poroshenko](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320892/another_2000_russian_soldiers_crossed_the_ukrainian_border_poroshenko)

### **Lavrov: Russia "not to allow" new Cold War, 21.01.2015**

Russian Foreign Minister urged Washington for "constructive engagement." Russia does not want deteriorating relations with the West, says the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

"Relations between Moscow and Washington seriously deteriorated in 2014. We appeal to return to the path of constructive engagement both in bilateral relations and in the international arena," – announced Minister Lavrov at a press conference.

"NATO has also taken completely politicized decision to cease cooperation in military and civil spheres. But Russia will not allow new Cold War" – concluded the Russian Foreign Minister.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/lavrov-russia-not-to-allow-new-cold-war-981\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/lavrov-russia-not-to-allow-new-cold-war-981_.html)

### **Russia's invasion of Ukraine should cause much more than a hiccup in relations, 21.01.2015**

By Editorial Board

EUROPEAN FOREIGN ministers met Monday to consider proposals for resuming diplomatic contacts and cooperation with Russia in a range of areas — a strategy pressed by several governments that wish to paper over the breach opened by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Unfortunately for the doves, the discussion came just as Russian forces, after several weeks of relative calm, launched a new offensive in eastern Ukraine.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/russias-new-invasion-of-ukraine-should-lead-the-west-to-reassess-its-strategy/2015/01/21/4c146368-a0de-11e4-903f-9f2faf7cd9fe\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/russias-new-invasion-of-ukraine-should-lead-the-west-to-reassess-its-strategy/2015/01/21/4c146368-a0de-11e4-903f-9f2faf7cd9fe_story.html)

### **Power: Putin offered "occupation plan" to President Poroshenko, 22.01.2015**

Samantha Power has compared the Putin's "peace plan" for Ukraine to those offered to Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Transnistria.

The United States Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power announced at the UN Security Council that Russian President Vladimir Putin had proposed the "peace" plan to Ukrainian President in order to liberate Russia from responsibility on Minsk agreements.

"Recently, President Putin has offered a "peace" plan to President Poroshenko in order to liberate Russia from Minsk agreements' commitments" – declared Samantha Power.

Allegedly, the Russian plan assumed legitimizing the territories occupied by the separatists and the presence of the Russian military equipment and personnel on the territory of Ukraine.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/power-putin-offered-occupation-plan-to-president-poroshenko-990\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/power-putin-offered-occupation-plan-to-president-poroshenko-990_.html)

### **Clinton: Ukraine should be given more help, 22.01.2015**

Hillary Clinton has acknowledged that the US had been providing limited help for Ukraine because of potentially dangerous situation.

Former Secretary of State and a possible 2016 US presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton said that the US government should provide more military and financial support for Ukraine to fight militants in the Donbas.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/clinton-ukraine-should-be-given-more-help-989\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/clinton-ukraine-should-be-given-more-help-989_.html)

### **JOHN KERRY SLAMS REBELS AS FIGHTING IN UKRAINE SPIRALS FURTHER OUT OF CONTROL, 22.01.2015**

Clashes between the Ukrainian military and pro-Moscow rebels have rapidly escalated this week.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has condemned pro-Russian rebels battling the Ukrainian military for participating in a "landgrab" after occupying new territory in clear violation of a September peace accord.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/321120/john\\_kerry\\_slams\\_rebels\\_as\\_fighting\\_in\\_ukraine\\_spirals\\_further\\_out\\_of\\_control](http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/321120/john_kerry_slams_rebels_as_fighting_in_ukraine_spirals_further_out_of_control)

### **Steinmeier: Ukraine needs border with "DPR" and "LPR", 22.01.2015**

Frank-Walter Steinmeier is confident that this is the only way to achieve de-escalation.

The German Minister of Foreign Affairs Frank-Walter Steinmeier announced that the situation in the Donbas would not improve without a dividing line between Ukraine and illegal armed groups.

According to the Minister, if there is no clear dividing line in the near future, the escalation of the conflict will only grow.

"The restoration of fighting in eastern Ukraine has shown that the situation can "explode" with new large-scale warfare, if both sides do not withdrawal heavy weapons and make a clear dividing line," – commented the Minister Steinmeier.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/steinmeier-ukraine-needs-border-with-dpr-and-lpr-987\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/steinmeier-ukraine-needs-border-with-dpr-and-lpr-987_.html)

### **Russia And Ukraine Are At War, 22.01.2015**

It's hard to draw any other conclusion from reports that Russian regular forces have moved into eastern Ukraine and are attacking Ukrainian military units amid a flare-up of violence this past week.

New reports indicate that eight civilians were killed after a mortar shell fell in Donetsk, mere hours after the foreign ministers of Russia, Ukraine, Germany and France agreed on a "buffer zone" to cut down on the violence.

All the while, Russia continues to insist that separatist forces in Donetsk and Luhansk are independent of Russian control and military support. But Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk has made clear how ludicrous this assertion is: "Tanks, GRAD multiple rocket systems, BUK and SMERCH systems, radio electronic intelligence systems are not sold at local Donetsk street markets. Only the Russian army and Defense Ministry have them."

By sending regular Russian army forces into Ukraine, Putin shows that he understands the importance of this fight.

We must ask the question: do our leaders understand this too?

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/dougschoen/2015/01/22/russia-and-ukraine-are-at-war/>

### **Poroshenko: If the enemy does not want to cease fire and stop the suffering of civilians, we will chin them 22.01.2015**

Petro Poroshenko has noted at the beginning of the meeting with security officials that the Ukrainian army had been successfully rebuffing the attacks along the entire frontline that day, Censor.NET reports citing the Head of State's press service.

"Real tank battles have taken place. The Ukrainian Armed Forces have won these battles," the head of state noted.

The president has informed on the seizure of the enemies' APCs and IFVs, the destruction of three tanks and two vehicles with ammunition. "The enemy has paid high price for his adventurous attempts to attack our Armed Forces," Poroshenko stressed.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321166/poroshenko\\_if\\_the\\_enemy\\_does\\_not\\_want\\_to\\_ceil\\_fire\\_and\\_stop\\_the\\_suffering\\_of\\_civilians\\_we\\_will\\_chin](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321166/poroshenko_if_the_enemy_does_not_want_to_ceil_fire_and_stop_the_suffering_of_civilians_we_will_chin)

### **Merkel calls on Putin to de-escalate conflict in Donbas, 26.01.2015**

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called on Russian President Vladimir Putin to de-escalate the conflict in the Donbas and to put pressure on militants in order to resolve the situation, the German Foreign Ministry reported on Sunday, according to Ukrainian online newspaper Ukrainska Pravda.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1036297-merkel-calls-on-putin-to-de-escalate-conflict-in-donbas.html>

### **Co-chairman of EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee: Ukraine is a victim of aggression, 26.01.2015**

Andrej Plenković, Head of the European Parliament's delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee told UNIAN about priorities in cooperation with the Ukrainian government, and challenges for Ukraine in 2015.

The EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee was established along with the beginning of the provisional implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. It provided for enhancing the Ukraine-EU parliamentary ties and setting a clear and ambitious agenda. Co-Chairman of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee Andrej Plenković from the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) told in an interview with UNIAN about priorities for joint work of the Ukrainian Government and the Verkhovna Rada in cooperation with the European Parliament, Ukraine's key problems and ways for Ukraine to solve them.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1035994-co-chairman-of-eu-ukraine-parliamentary-association-committee-ukraine-is-a-victim-of-aggression.html>

### **Poroshenko: Ukraine's sanctions against Russia only the start, 26.01.2015**

"Ukraine's accession to sanctions against Russia is only the beginning. The next steps will be elaborated with the international community," Poroshenko wrote.

"The attacks in Mariupol, Donetsk, and Volnovakha leave no doubt that the measures taken to contain Russia have not yet led to the expected end of aggression.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036241-poroshenko-ukraines-sanctions-against-russia-only-the-start.html>

### **Lavrov says failure to listen Putin led to Volnovakha and Mariupol shelling, 26.01.2015**

Russian Minister adheres to official version, accusing Kyiv of failure to have direct talks with "DPR" and "LPR" and not abiding to Minsk agreements.

According to the Russian Foreign Ministry, Mr Lavrov repeated the official Kremlin's version while naming the accusations against Ukraine. Among to them, Minister blames Kyiv for failure to have direct talks with Donetsk and Lugansk, not fulfilling the Minsk agreements, and forceful suppression of the South East."

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/lavrov-says-failure-to-listen-putin-led-to-volnovakha-and-mariupol-shelling-1014\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/lavrov-says-failure-to-listen-putin-led-to-volnovakha-and-mariupol-shelling-1014_.html)

### **Ukraine's Ambassador at UN: There are 12,000 Russian troops on Ukrainian territory, 27.01.2015**

Today there are many direct and indirect evidence of Russian Armed Forces' invasion in Ukraine, so a restrained international community's stance, as regards to the conflict, cannot last long. This was announced by Ukraine's Permanent Representative to UN Yuriy Sergeyev on Monday during an extraordinary meeting of the UN Security Council.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/ukraine-s-permanent-representative-to-un-there-are-12-000-russian-troops-on-ukrainian-territory-1027\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/ukraine-s-permanent-representative-to-un-there-are-12-000-russian-troops-on-ukrainian-territory-1027_.html)

### **UN Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations accused "DPR and "LPR" of war crimes, 27.01.2015**

The separatists deliberately attacked civilians by launching missiles towards Mariupol.

The UN Under-Secretary-General Secretary Jeffrey Feltman accused pro-Russian separatists of war crimes during a special UN Security Council meeting on Monday, January 26.

He announced that the organization launching missiles towards Mariupol, which is located outside of fighting area, had deliberately attacked civilians in violation of international humanitarian law. And the guilty for this crime must be brought to justice.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/un-under-secretary-general-of-the-united-nations-accused-dpr-and-lpr-of-war-crimes-1029\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/un-under-secretary-general-of-the-united-nations-accused-dpr-and-lpr-of-war-crimes-1029_.html)

## **Russia Calls on PACE to Provide Evidence of Russian Armed Forces in Ukraine, 27.01.2015**

There is not a single Russian who has invaded Ukraine, Russian delegate to PACE said.

"There is not a single Russian who has invaded Ukraine and we need proof of the existence of Russian armed forces [there]. We have seen no proof," Pushkov said during a PACE discussion on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

<http://sputniknews.com/russia/20150127/1017398848.html>

## **UN Under-Secretary General: Attack on civilians in Mariupol was deliberate, 27.01.2015**

United Nations Under-Secretary-General Jeffrey Feltman has said that the perpetrators of what he said was a deliberate attack on civilians in Mariupol must be brought to justice.

According to an UNIAN correspondent, this was stated at a UN Security Council special session on Monday in New York to discuss the recent escalation of the conflict in the east of Ukraine.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036725-un-under-secretary-general-attack-on-civilians-in-mariupol-was-deliberate.html>

## **Power: Militants, backed by Russia, intend to seize Mariupol, 27.01.2015**

The head of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Samantha Power has said that Russia intends to seize the Ukrainian southern port city of Mariupol as part of a plan to create overland access to Russian-occupied Crimea.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036782-power-militants-backed-by-russia-intend-to-seize-mariupol.html>

## **NATO: Ukrainian crisis has no military solution, 27.01.2015**

The crisis in Ukraine has no military solution, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters after the extraordinary meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Commission on Monday, according to an UNIAN correspondent in Brussels.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036652-nato-ukrainian-crisis-has-no-military-solution.html>

## **NATO-Ukraine Commission: Further Russian aggression will not remain unanswered, 27.01.2015**

Participants of a NATO-Ukraine Commission emergency meeting on Monday said that further Russian aggression against Ukraine will meet an appropriate response from the global community.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036651-nato-ukraine-commission-further-russian-aggression-will-not-remain-unanswered.html>

## **EU leaders support introduction of new sanctions against Russia, 27.01.2015**

EU leaders call on Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider new sanctions against Russia during their meeting on Jan. 29.

"We express our concern about the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine. We condemn the killing of civilians during the indiscriminate shelling of the Ukrainian city of Mariupol on 24 January 2015. We note evidence of continued and growing support given to the separatists by Russia, which underlines Russia's responsibility. We urge Russia to condemn the separatists' actions and to implement the Minsk agreements," the statement reads.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321802/eu\\_leaders\\_support\\_introduction\\_of\\_new\\_sanctions\\_against\\_russia](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321802/eu_leaders_support_introduction_of_new_sanctions_against_russia)

## **Russia capturing more Ukrainian territory - United States, 27.01.2015**

U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Samantha Power has accused Russia of trying to capture as much of the Ukrainian territory as possible. She stated this at a meeting of the UN Security Council convened on the shelling of Mariupol on Jan. 24.

Power noted that the interests of Russia are "advancement of the line of the territory controlled by Russia deeper into the territory of Ukraine."

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321741/russia\\_capturing\\_more\\_ukrainian\\_territory\\_united\\_states](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321741/russia_capturing_more_ukrainian_territory_united_states)

## **Ambitions and appetite of the aggressor go far beyond Ukraine - Poroshenko in Auschwitz called to oppose the new imperial madness of the Russian Federation, 27.01.2015**

The duty of modern politicians to the present and future generations is to learn the historic lessons and prevent the recurrence of tragedies similar to Holocaust and the World War II. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko stated on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

"Participating in today's events, I would like to pay tribute to those who tragically died in the death camp Auschwitz and those who put an end to heinous crimes of Nazis against humanity that took place here and all over Europe.

"A quarter of six million Jews killed by Nazis and their allies lived in Ukraine. The tragedy of Babyn Yar is still an unhealed wound for us.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321920/ambitions\\_and\\_appetite\\_of\\_the\\_aggressor\\_go\\_far\\_beyond\\_ukraine\\_poroshenko\\_in\\_aushwitz\\_called\\_to\\_oppose](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321920/ambitions_and_appetite_of_the_aggressor_go_far_beyond_ukraine_poroshenko_in_aushwitz_called_to_oppose)

## **Obama and Merkel agreed to hold Russia accountable and finalize robust financial support package for Ukraine, 28.01.2015**

U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have spoken about the "significant increase in violence" in eastern Ukraine.

Obama and Merkel agreed on the need to hold Russia accountable for its support for the separatists and failure to fulfill its commitments under a peace agreement.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321946/obama\\_and\\_merkel\\_agreed\\_to\\_hold\\_russia\\_accountable\\_and\\_finalize\\_robust\\_financial\\_support\\_package\\_for](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321946/obama_and_merkel_agreed_to_hold_russia_accountable_and_finalize_robust_financial_support_package_for)

## **Barroso recognizes there is war in Ukraine - the war with Russia, and this is the most difficult period in the life of the EU, 28.01.2015**

Jose Manuel Barroso, who headed the European Commission for a decade, named the most difficult recent episodes of the EU history.

Barroso said that the crisis in Ukraine was the most difficult episode in geopolitical terms. He said he was not talking just about the gas warfare but also about the current war, he calls it what it is - the war with Russia, adding that this is a difficult period in the life of the EU.

According to him, the most difficult from the economic point of view was the financial crisis when many said that the euro was not viable as a currency.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321913/barroso\\_recognizes\\_there\\_is\\_war\\_in\\_ukraine\\_the\\_war\\_with\\_russia\\_and\\_this\\_is\\_the\\_most\\_difficult\\_period](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321913/barroso_recognizes_there_is_war_in_ukraine_the_war_with_russia_and_this_is_the_most_difficult_period)

## **Schulz opposes introduction of new sanctions against Russia, 28.01.2015**

"I doubt that thanks to more sanctions it will be possible to reach an end to the crisis," European Parliament President Martin Schulz said, adding that in the conflict in Ukraine the European Union has to insist patiently on dialogue on the basis of the Minsk agreements. According to Shultz, the EU must clearly show Russia that peace can only be achieved through negotiations rather than military confrontation.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1037422-schulz-opposes-introduction-of-new-sanctions-against-russia.html>

## **Steinmeier: EU to toughen sanctions if militants attack, 29.01.2015**

The EU will be forced to tighten sanctions against Russia if the militants in eastern Ukraine launch a threatened offensive, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told reporters on arriving in Brussels for a meeting of EU foreign ministers on Thursday.

"If the nature of the conflict changes, if the offensive announced by the separatists is not just announced, but an offensive on Mariupol and other regions is actually carried out, we will have to respond clearly and firmly," Steinmeier said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1037949-steinmeier-eu-to-toughen-sanctions-if-militants-attack.html>

## **NATO promises further support for Ukraine, 29.01.2015**

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg has announced during a meeting with Foreign Minister of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin that NATO would continue its strong political and practical support for Ukraine, says the website of the Alliance.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/nato-promises-further-support-for-ukraine-1061\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/nato-promises-further-support-for-ukraine-1061_.html)



### **Mogherini: EU Council unanimously approves extension of sanctions against Russia, 30.01.2015**

European Union foreign minister unanimously approved the extension of sanctions on Russia for Moscow's failure to improve the situation in eastern Ukraine and to observe the Minsk agreements, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini said on Thursday.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1038191-mogherini-eu-council-unanimously-approves-extension-of-sanctions-against-russia.html>

### **Pushkov: PACE will not solve Ukrainian crisis without Russia, 30.01.2015**

Russian MP believes PACE did not appreciate how important Russia is.

Having left PACE, Russian delegate threatens the Council of Europe that it will not solve Ukrainian crisis without Russia.

Namely, such was the reaction expressed on Twitter by Alexey Pushkov, who is temporarily boycotting PACE.

"PACE has not understood that it had lost its importance in solving Ukrainian crisis after Russia had left the organization. From now on, nothing depends on PACE," - commented Russian MP, whose delegation had demonstratively left the session after the adoption of a tough resolution against Russia.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/pushkov-pace-will-not-solve-ukrainian-crisis-without-russia-1066\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/pushkov-pace-will-not-solve-ukrainian-crisis-without-russia-1066_.html)

## **Actions of Ukrainian Authorities**

### **Economy minister appoints Estonian as his advisor, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. Managing Director at the Ukrainian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association Jaanika Merilo has been appointed an advisor to Ukrainian Economic Development and Trade Minister Aivaras Abromavicius, the press service of the Ukrainian Economic Development and Trade Ministry has reported.

"I am pleased to welcome a new member of our team - Jaanika Merilo. I'm confident that her experience, including international experience, in the area of business development and investment will be necessary and useful for the ministry and for the country as a whole," Abromavicius said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/economy\\_minister\\_appoints\\_estonian\\_as\\_his\\_advisor\\_328108](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/economy_minister_appoints_estonian_as_his_advisor_328108)

### **President sets up commission to probe road accident with Ukrainian servicemen, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. "The military prosecutor's office is investigating the tragedy (a road accident that killed 13 National Guard servicemen), and a special commission is created on the instruction of the Ukrainian president," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president\\_sets\\_up\\_commission\\_to\\_probe\\_road\\_accident\\_with\\_ukrainian\\_servicemen\\_328142](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_sets_up_commission_to_probe_road_accident_with_ukrainian_servicemen_328142)

### **Investigation looks into two versions of deadly crash involving National Guard soldiers, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. An investigation team looks into two versions of the horrendous crash which occurred late on Monday in Ukraine's Donbas conflict zone claiming the lives of 12 or 13 National Guard soldiers.

"Investigation is underway into the accident causes and versions are being considered, including two main versions. The first version is traffic violations and the second one is a mechanical failure of the bus which carried the military personnel," the Presidential Administration press service reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/investigation\\_looks\\_into\\_two\\_versions\\_of\\_deadly\\_crash\\_involving\\_national\\_guard\\_soldiers\\_328146](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/investigation_looks_into_two_versions_of_deadly_crash_involving_national_guard_soldiers_328146)

### **Ukraine's transportation authority bans passenger traffic in ATO zone, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. State authority for transport safety Ukrtransinspektsiya has ordered to suspend passenger transportation in the areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions where the counter-terrorist operation is being conducted.

"Effective from January 6, 2015 the authority suspends ticket sales and passenger transportation on bus scheduled routes to destinations located in the areas where the counter-terrorist operation is being conducted. Transportation is suspended in order to avoid endangering passengers' lives and well-being," the statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines\\_transportation\\_authority\\_bans\\_passenger\\_traffic\\_in\\_ato\\_zone\\_328143](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines_transportation_authority_bans_passenger_traffic_in_ato_zone_328143)

### **Poroshenko to attend unity rally in Paris on Sunday, 10.01.2015**

"On Sunday I will join the people of France and [French] President [Francois] Hollande in the Unity Rally in Paris. We must say NO to terrorism and YES to freedom," President Petro Poroshenko wrote in his microblog on Twitter late on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/243631.html>

### **Entry into Donbas conflict zone possible only with special permit, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. From now on entering and leaving the parts of the Donbas conflict zone is only possible through seven corridors by obtaining special permits, Ukraine's Ministry of Defense reported, with reference to the press center of the antiterrorist operation. According to the press center, effective from January 11, 2015 a person can get into the Donbas conflict zone only by passing through seven transport corridors and showing a special permit. To obtain the permit, a person needs to apply for it by specifying the route of travel and the length of stay in the parts of the Donbas conflict zone. Personal passport and its copy are also required for application. An applicant should provide a copy of a document that confirms the need for a trip to the parts under Ukraine's control or uncontrolled by Ukrainian government (for example, a document that confirms that an applicant lives in the Donbas conflict area, the information on relatives' place of burial within the parts of the Donbas conflict zone, documents about the sick relatives living in the parts of Donbas conflict zone, document from employer or other documents).

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/entry\\_into\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_zone\\_possible\\_only\\_with\\_special\\_permit\\_328168](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/entry_into_donbas_conflict_zone_possible_only_with_special_permit_328168)

### **Poroshenko signs moratorium on sale of dormitories, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a law extending the term of the moratorium on the sale of dormitories until October 1, 2019, the presidential press service has reported.

"This is determined in law of Ukraine No. 68-VII on the introduction of amendments to Paragraph 3, Section VIII 'Final Provisions' of the law of Ukraine on ensuring the realization of housing rights of residents of dormitories regarding the extension of the moratorium on the sale of dormitories," the press service reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_signs\\_moratorium\\_on\\_sale\\_of\\_dormitories\\_328178](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_moratorium_on_sale_of_dormitories_328178)

### **Cabinet wants to close Ukrainian-language version of Euronews, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers offers to stop broadcasting of the Ukrainian-language version of the international TV channel Euronews.

This is stated in the draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Termination of Broadcasting of the Ukrainian-Language Version of the International TV Channel Euronews," it was published on the website of the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting. According to the document, the National Television Company of Ukraine (NTCU) should terminate the license agreement with the international TV channel on the establishment of the Ukrainian-language version and sell stocks of Euronews, which belongs to the NTCU.

In addition, if the corresponding order of the government is signed, the National Television Company is to stop producing the Ukrainian-language version of the Euronews channel.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet\\_wants\\_to\\_close\\_ukrainian\\_language\\_version\\_of\\_euronews\\_328184](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet_wants_to_close_ukrainian_language_version_of_euronews_328184)

### **Ukraine's International reserves shrink to \$7.5 billion, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's gold and forex reserves have decreased by \$2.433 billion, to \$7.533 billion in December 2014, according to the National Bank of Ukraine statement posted on its website.

"According to the preliminary data, as of January 1, 2015 Ukraine's international reserves amounted to \$7.533 billion," reads the statement.

This reduction of reserves is accounted for the payments of NJSN Naftogaz of Ukraine for natural gas imported in November-December 2014 in the amount of \$1.65 billion.

The NBU interventions on foreign currency sale cost \$831 million, reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines\\_international\\_reserves\\_shrink\\_to\\_75\\_billion\\_328186](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraines_international_reserves_shrink_to_75_billion_328186)

### **Liashko wants to abolish immunity already this week, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The Radical Party of Ukraine has offered MPs to consider the draft law on the abolition of parliamentary immunity this plenary week.

Such a suggestion was announced by the party's leader Oleh Liashko from the parliament's rostrum, an Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"If we want to abolish parliamentary immunity this year, we have to vote on this decision in the first reading this week," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/liashko\\_wants\\_to\\_abolish\\_immunity\\_already\\_this\\_week\\_328203](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/liashko_wants_to_abolish_immunity_already_this_week_328203)

### **Verkhovna Rada votes for payment of social benefits in Donbas, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada passed a draft law on the establishment of additional social safeguards to protect the rights of citizens, residing in the anti-terrorist operation area, and on the limitation of liability of enterprises, which perform or produce housing and utilities services, in case of late payment for the consumed energy resources. 267 MPs voted for the corresponding draft law No.0962.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna\\_rada\\_votes\\_for\\_payment\\_of\\_social\\_benefits\\_in\\_donbas\\_328207](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_votes_for_payment_of_social_benefits_in_donbas_328207)

### **Kolomoisky deprived of control over Ukrnafta, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada adopted amendments to the law on joint stock companies regarding the reduction of the interest rate, required for a quorum.

230 MPs voted for the corresponding bill No. 1310.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kolomoisky\\_deprived\\_of\\_control\\_over\\_ukrnafta\\_328211](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kolomoisky_deprived_of_control_over_ukrnafta_328211)

### **Two deputy associations created in Verkhovna Rada, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. Two interfactional associations have been registered in Ukraine's Parliament, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Hroisman said. According to him, MPs created an interfactional deputy association named "For National Patriotic Education", headed by MP Ihor Artiushenko and association named "Ensuring Human Rights" headed by MP Oleksandr Feldman.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_deputy\\_associations\\_created\\_in\\_verkhovna\\_rada\\_328214](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_deputy_associations_created_in_verkhovna_rada_328214)

### **Peace march initiated in Rada, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. Radical Party of Ukraine faction leader Oleh Liashko initiates anti-terrorist peace march in Ukraine, which is offered to be held on Sunday, January 18. He said this on Wednesday, delivering speech in the parliament.

"We call on all political parties, all public organizations, all Ukrainian citizens to gather at the anti-terrorism peace march on Sunday," Liashko said.

The parliamentarian expressed hope that in case of participation of a million or more people in such a march, this event will help to stop the aggressor, and added that this march will provide additional support to Ukraine on the eve of the Munich conference.

In turn, MP from the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko faction Dmytro Lubynets urged MPs to join participation in the march.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/peace\\_march\\_initiated\\_in\\_rada\\_328229](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/peace_march_initiated_in_rada_328229)

### **MPs ask the world to declare DNR, LNR terrorist organizations, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the appeal to the European Parliament, the PACE, the national parliaments and the governments of the EU member states, the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia regarding the mass execution of people by terrorists near Volnovakha, Donetsk region.

241 MPs voted for the corresponding decision.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps\\_ask\\_the\\_world\\_to\\_declare\\_dnr\\_lnr\\_terrorist\\_organizations\\_328239](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps_ask_the_world_to_declare_dnr_lnr_terrorist_organizations_328239)

### **MPs prepare special procedure for Russian journalists' accreditation, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada committee on freedom of speech and information decided to establish a working group to draft legislative changes to the procedure of accreditation of the Russian media in the Ukrainian parliament.

The decision was taken at the committee's meeting, an Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We need to establish a working group to draft legislative changes, or to improve the situation with accreditation of the Russian media, but at the same time to avoid the barrage of accusations of censorship," committee chair Viktoriya Siumar said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps\\_prepare\\_special\\_procedure\\_for\\_russian\\_journalists\\_accreditation\\_328241](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps_prepare_special_procedure_for_russian_journalists_accreditation_328241)

### **Rada terminates MP mandates of Turchynov, Kovalchuk and Pavlenko, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. Secretary of the National Security Council Oleksandr Turchynov, First Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Vitaliy Kovalchuk and Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Rostyslav Pavlenko were terminated of their deputy powers. [Ukrainian MPs may not take official positions in other branches of government without giving up their MP mandates.]

Appropriate decisions were supported by the majority of MPs registered in the session hall.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada\\_terminates\\_mp\\_mandates\\_of\\_turchynov\\_kovalchuk\\_and\\_pavlenko\\_328243](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada_terminates_mp_mandates_of_turchynov_kovalchuk_and_pavlenko_328243)

### **Ministry of Information Policy created, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers has adopted a decree on the establishment of the Ministry of Information Policy and adoption of its activities, the Governmental portal reported.

"The key tasks of the Ministry are: countering Russia's information aggression, development of the country's information policy strategy and the concept of information security of Ukraine, coordination of the government in the communication matters and information dissemination. These tasks are envisioned in the government action program, as well as in the coalition agreement that was signed by five parliamentary factions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine," the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ministry\\_of\\_information\\_policy\\_created\\_328246](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ministry_of_information_policy_created_328246)

### **Poroshenko signs decree on new wave of mobilization, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko has signed the decree on the next wave of mobilization during the meeting with the governors on Wednesday.

The total number of conscripts within the fourth wave will reach about 50 thousand people.

Moreover, according to first deputy chief of main defense and mobilization planning department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Volodymyr Talalay, the conscripts cannot refuse military service in the ATO area.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_signs\\_decree\\_on\\_new\\_wave\\_of\\_mobilization\\_328245](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_decree_on_new_wave_of_mobilization_328245)

### **Nayyem, Levchenko to head interfactional association, 15.01.2015**

The interfactional association "For ensuring compliance with the Rules of Procedure and preservation of parliamentary system was established in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

This was announced by speaker Volodymyr Hroisman, opening the parliament's meeting. 300 MPs registered in the session hall.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nayyem\\_levchenko\\_to\\_head\\_interfactional\\_association\\_328253](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nayyem_levchenko_to_head_interfactional_association_328253)

### **Rada approves President's decree on mobilization, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian MPs passed the bill, approving the decree of President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko on partial mobilization.

268 MPs voted for this decree, presented in Rada by NSDC secretary Oleksandr Turchynov. The bill approves the President's decree, which provides for 3 stages of mobilization in 2015.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada\\_approves\\_presidents\\_decree\\_on\\_mobilization\\_328257](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada_approves_presidents_decree_on_mobilization_328257)

### **Bloc of Petro Poroshenko MP Ariev heads Ukraine's PACE delegation, 17.01.2015**

The Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has unanimously elected Volodymyr Ariev (Bloc of Petro Poroshenko) as PACE delegation head. "[We] congratulate Volodymyr Ariev. [We] will also nominate him for the position of PACE Vice-President. Yulia Liovochkina [from Opposition Bloc's faction] got the position of the first deputy head of the delegation in a democratic way. And I'm very happy that Serhiy Sobolev [Batkivschyna faction], our most experienced colleague, became a deputy head of the delegation, as well as representative of the People's Front [party] Heorhiy Lohvynsky," the MP wrote on her Facebook page on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/245231.html>

### **Prosecutor General's Office interrogated Akhmetov for six hours in the case of financing terrorism – media, 23.01.2015**

The General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine investigators interrogated billionaire Rinat Akhmetov as a witness in a criminal case on financing terrorism and illegal armed groups.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321218/prosecutor\\_generals\\_office\\_interrogated\\_akhmetov\\_for\\_six\\_hours\\_in\\_the\\_case\\_of\\_financing\\_terrorism\\_media](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321218/prosecutor_generals_office_interrogated_akhmetov_for_six_hours_in_the_case_of_financing_terrorism_media)

### **Yarema: Not easy to achieve extradition of Yanukovych, other ex-officials, 23.01.2015**

Ukraine will find it difficult to achieve the extradition from Russia of former President Viktor Yanukovych and other former officials to stand trial in Ukraine on charges of committing crimes against humanity and embezzlement, Prosecutor General Vitaliy Yarema said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1035397-yarema-not-easy-to-achieve-extradition-of-yanukovych-other-ex-officials.html>

### **Cabinet orders state of emergency in Donbas and nationwide high alert, 26.01.2015**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has decided to impose a state of emergency in Donetsk and Lugansk regions and introduced a regime of increased emergency preparedness across the country, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036415-cabinet-orders-state-of-emergency-in-donbas-and-nationwide-high-alert.html>

### **Ukraine to conduct active phase of mobilization on January 28 and 30, 26.01.2015**

An active phase of mobilization in Ukraine will be conducted on January 28 and 30, with new recruits being sent to training centers, press secretary of the Ministry of Defense Viktoriya Kushnir said on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036316-ukraine-to-conduct-active-phase-of-mobilization-on-january-28-and-30.html>

### **Rada to recognize Russia as aggressor and ask the world for weapons, 27.01.2015**

On Jan. 27 the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine plans to make a statement coordinated with the Ukrainian President, Prime Minister, and the leadership of the Parliament on the fact of Russian aggression in the territory of Ukraine.

This was stated by chairman of Poroshenko Block faction Yurii Lutsenko on ICTV channel.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321751/rada\\_to\\_recognize\\_russia\\_as\\_aggressor\\_and\\_ask\\_the\\_world\\_for\\_weapons](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321751/rada_to_recognize_russia_as_aggressor_and_ask_the_world_for_weapons)

### **Ukraine and Lithuania sign military cooperation plan, 29.01.2015**

On Wednesday, January 28, Ukraine and Lithuania signed a plan on bilateral military cooperation in 2015. Ukraine was represented by Deputy Defense Minister Lieutenant-General Leonid Golopatyuk, while Lithuania – by Deputy Defense Minister Mariyus Vyalychka, reports the Lithuanian Ministry of Defence.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/ukraine-and-lithuania-sign-military-cooperation-plan-1057\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/ukraine-and-lithuania-sign-military-cooperation-plan-1057_.html)

### **Poroshenko satisfied with mobilization, 29.01.2015**

"Mobilization goes according to a plan, without violation of a schedule. 73,000 draft notices have been issued since 20, January. There are 2,500 volunteers, by the way. 45,000 people have had a medical examination" – announced President Poroshenko while laying flowers at the Kruty Heroes Memorial Cross in Kiev.

According to the Ukrainian President, the mobilized have already gone to training centers and military education facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. After that, says the President, they will be sent to the appropriate units.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/poroshenko-satisfied-with-mobilization-1056\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/poroshenko-satisfied-with-mobilization-1056_.html)

## **Terrorism / Separatism**

### **Shelling by militants in Luhansk region kills one civilian, injures two, says Moskal, 01.01.2015**

Sustained mortar shelling by militants in Luhansk early on Thursday killed one civilian and injured another two, Luhansk regional governor Hennadiy Moskal reported on his Web site. He said the mortar attack had hit the village of Chernukhin in the Popasnyanskiy district of Luhansk region at 0630. Two private houses were destroyed by the shelling, and another burned down in the resulting fire, he said.

"An emergency has [also] arisen in another hot spot on Ukrainian-controlled territory – Stanytsa Luhanska," Moskal wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028378-shelling-by-militants-in-luhansk-region-kills-one-civilian-injure-two-says-moskal.html>

### **Militants attack Ukrainian forces 23 times in last day, three soldiers wounded, 01.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in the east of Ukraine have attacked Ukrainian forces 23 times in the last day, with security officials in Kyiv saying the militants have stepped up their activities.

"Over the past day there have been 23 shelling attacks, with the aim of provoking [a response from Ukrainian forces]," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

He said there had been numerous attempts by the militants to provoke the Ukrainian military, who have been ordered to stick to a ceasefire since December 9.

"Over the last day we've observed a revitalization of [the activities of] the gangs, and numerous attempts [by them] to provoke the Ukrainian military, so as to accuse the Ukrainian side of violating the ceasefire," Lysenko said.

"According to intelligence reports, there are increasing conflicts among the militants over their subordination under various command structures, and dissatisfaction with their monetary remuneration," he said.

Lysenko also said that over the last day three Ukrainian soldiers had been wounded in the Donbas conflict zone, but that none had been killed.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028403-militants-attack-ukrainian-forces-23-times-in-last-day-three-soldiers-wounded.html>

### **Russian soldiers take charge in Horlivka, Donetsk region, says Tymchuk, 02.01.2015**

"In Horlivka, a fresh formation of Russian troops (up to 300 men) has taken control of the city," Information Resistance group head and military expert Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"The soldiers arriving were dressed in new camouflage uniforms, unmarked, well-equipped and well-armed."

Since the arrival of the Russians in the town, the number of local fighters has fallen sharply, said the expert.

Elsewhere, in Volnovakha district, Russian-backed militant units have again moved up to the frontline positions of the Ukrainian armed forces, Tymchuk said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028505-russian-soldiers-take-charge-in-horlivka-donetsk-region-says-tymchuk.html>

### **Luhansk militants promise not to take more Ukrainian soldiers prisoner, 02.01.2015**

The Russian-backed militant group calling itself the Luhansk People's Republic has said it will stop taking Ukrainian servicemen prisoner, and will exchange prisoners already taken on an "all-for-all" basis.

"We're not taking new prisoners and do not intend to do so," Luhansk militant representative Vladislav Deynego said in a statement issued on Friday.

"It can be said that at this point the Luhansk People's Republic is doing everything possible to expedite the exchange of prisoners on an 'all-for-all' basis."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028526-luhansk-militants-promise-not-to-take-more-ukrainian-soldiers-prisoner.html>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, five wounded in Donbas conflict zone in last day, 02.01.2015**

One Ukrainian soldier was killed and another five were wounded in the Donbas conflict zone in the last day, National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

He said that over the last day the situation in the Donbas conflict zone has not changed, with the Russian-backed militants carrying out sporadic attacks on Mariupol, Donetsk, Luhansk and Debaltseve.

According to Ukrainian military intelligence, local militants are continuing to be replaced by Russian military personnel as part of an effort to place all of the various armed gangs in the occupied territories under a unified command structure, Lysenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028537-one-ukrainian-soldier-killed-five-wounded-in-donbas-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Militants shell Ukrainian positions eight times last night, 03.01.2015**

KYIV, January 3 /Ukrinform/. "Illegal armed groups eight times resorted to provocations and shelled the positions of Ukrainian military with small arms, grenade launchers, mortars and artillery," reads the ATO press center report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_shell\\_ukrainian\\_positions\\_eight\\_times\\_last\\_night\\_328089](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_eight_times_last_night_328089)

### **NSDC: One Ukrainian serviceman injured over past 24 hours, 03.01.2015**

KYIV, January 3 /Ukrinform/. "No Ukrainian serviceman has been killed over the past 24 hours. Only one has been injured," ATO spokesman, Colonel Andriy Lysenko, said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc\\_one\\_ukrainian\\_serviceman\\_injured\\_over\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328095](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_one_ukrainian_serviceman_injured_over_past_24_hours_328095)

### **Russian-backed militants attack Ukrainian forces 10 times overnight, 04.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in Ukraine's Donbas conflict zone attacked Ukrainian military positions 10 times overnight, the ATO press service reported on Sunday. The attacks were carried out using a variety of weapons, including multiple rocket launcher systems.

"Using small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, the militants twice attacked our defenders at Donetsk airport, and attacked three times the village Nikishin," the press service said.

"Near Noviy Aydar the terrorists used anti-tank guided missiles."

The militants also opened fire with artillery near the settlements of Bogdanovka and Orlovskoe, the press service said. The outskirts of the village of Hnutova were also hit by a barrage of Grad rockets.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028817-russian-backed-militants-attack-ukrainian-forces-10-times-overnight.html>

### **New photograph shows Russia still supplying militants with military hardware, 04.01.2015**

A photograph showing a Russian BMP-97 armored car – a type of vehicle used only by the Russian armed forces – has been shown by the Bellingcat investigation group to have almost certainly been taken in Luhansk.

The group used photographs from Yandex maps showing structures seen in the background of the photograph of the armored car to pinpoint the location where the car was spotted – in the Ukrainian city of Luhansk.

"Based on this and other details it does appear that the photograph showing the BPM-97 can be precisely located in Luhansk," Bellingcat wrote in its report on the photograph.

"Considering Ukraine does not have BPM-97s it seems extremely likely this is a Russian military vehicle inside Ukraine, adding to evidence that Russia is providing a variety of military vehicles to Ukrainian armed groups."

The Bellingcat report on the photograph can be found [here](#).

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028814-new-photograph-shows-russia-still-supplying-militants-with-military-hardware.html>

### **Russia accumulates armored vehicles and artillery near Donetsk, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. The battle formations of Russian-terrorist forces are being increased south of Donetsk, near Dokuchayevsk and Telmanove.

"The movement of manpower and firepower, including armored vehicles and artillery, to the front line is being recorded. At least two artillery units and up to ten armored vehicles that have just arrived in this area have been spotted," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_accumulates\\_armored\\_vehicles\\_and\\_artillery\\_near\\_donetsk\\_328103](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_accumulates_armored_vehicles_and_artillery_near_donetsk_328103)

### **Anti-terrorist operation press center: night was relatively quiet, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. Last night in the area of the anti-terrorist operation was relatively quiet, the ATO press center reported on Facebook.

"Since 00.20 there was no single shot in Donbas. Hitherto, illegal armed groups ten times had resorted to provocations and shelled the positions of Ukrainian military, using different types of weapons, including artillery," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/anti\\_terrorist\\_operation\\_press\\_center\\_night\\_was\\_relatively\\_quiet\\_328104](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/anti_terrorist_operation_press_center_night_was_relatively_quiet_328104)

### **No casualties among Ukrainian military in ATO zone over past 24 hours, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. "No Ukrainian serviceman has been killed over the past 24 hours, and only one has sustained an injury," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_casualties\\_among\\_ukrainian\\_military\\_in\\_ato\\_zone\\_over\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328111](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_casualties_among_ukrainian_military_in_ato_zone_over_past_24_hours_328111)

### **Militant attacks became more frequent yesterday - Lysenko, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. "For the last day the number of armed provocations and shelling by militants increased in the ATO area. Besides small arms, terrorists use tanks and artillery against the positions of the ATO forces," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

According to him, the Ukrainian military do not respond to the provocations, but in case of a direct threat to the life of soldiers, terrorists receive an adequate response. "Thus, Ukrainian military successfully defeated an attempt of the enemy's attack near the settlement of Hranitne and Starohnativka of Donetsk region," he said.

He noted that the situation remains most alarming in the area of Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militant\\_attacks\\_became\\_more\\_frequent\\_yesterday\\_lysenko\\_328113](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militant_attacks_became_more_frequent_yesterday_lysenko_328113)

### **Donetsk residents receive Ukrainian humanitarian aid, 05.01.2015**

KYIV, January 5 /Ukrinform/. Two trucks with humanitarian aid donated by a religious organization for Donetsk residents crossed over the checkpoint near the town of Kurakhove.

"Trucks delivered ten tonnes of food, including canned meat and fish, grain products, sugar, salt, tea, cookies, etc.," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk\\_residents\\_receive\\_ukrainian\\_humanitarian\\_aid\\_328116](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_residents_receive_ukrainian_humanitarian_aid_328116)

### **Ukrainian ATO troops under gunmen's evening fire 11 times, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian ATO troops dislocations were shelled 11 times by gunmen using all types of weapons, including artillery fire thrice, last evening, the ATO press center reported on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_ato\\_troops\\_under\\_gunmens\\_evening\\_fire\\_11\\_times\\_328125](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_ato_troops_under_gunmens_evening_fire_11_times_328125)



### **13 National Guard soldiers killed, 22 injured in road accident, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. Twelve National Guard soldiers that were traveling for rotation were killed and 22 more were injured in a road accident in Donetsk region late on January 5. The public liaisons department of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry's main office in Donetsk region reported on FB.

"Twelve soldiers were killed and 22 were injured in the accident. The victims were urgently admitted to the central city hospital in Artemivsk, where a range of measures are being taken to preserve the lives of injured servicemen," reads the statement.

Later one more soldier died in hospital due to the injuries sustained in a road accident.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/12-national-guard-soldiers-killed-22-injured-in-road-accident-328124>

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one-more-national-guard-soldier-injured-in-road-accident-dies-in-hospital-328126>

### **Azov positions come under fire near Hranitne, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists are shelling the positions of the Azov special purpose battalion near the village of Hranitne in Telmanove district of Donetsk region, reads a report on the Azov battalion Facebook page.

"Right now there is a shelling of Azov battalion positions near Hranitne. [Terrorists] are shelling us with a 120-millimeter mortar. Good morning to everyone!!!!" reads the statement.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/azov-positions-come-under-fire-near-hranitne-328139>

### **Terrorists provided with convoys of ammunition through Donetsk, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist troops are reinforcing their positions between the settlements of Dokuchayevsk and Olenivka near Donetsk and stocking up with ammunition and fuel.

"Between the settlements of Dokuchayevsk and Olenivka Russian-terrorist troops are equipping a fortified locality. They are equipping hidden firing positions, shelters, minefields, etc. Supply convoys regularly arrive through Donetsk (mainly with ammunition and fuel)," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on his Facebook page.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists-provided-with-convoys-of-ammunition-through-donetsk-328140>

### **Over 4,700 killed in eastern Ukraine - UN, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. Over 4,700 people have been killed as a result of the fighting in eastern Ukraine since April 2014, the UN has reported on its Twitter page.

According to the report, more than 10,000 people have been injured.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over-4700-killed-in-eastern-ukraine-un-328127>

### **Donetsk gunmen steal 800 kilograms of explosives from factory, 06.01.2015**

KYIV, January 6 /Ukrinform/. "Members of an illegal armed group arrived at the Amvrosiyivka section of the Donetskvybukhprom enterprise and took explosives with a total weight of 800 kg from the warehouse," Interior Ministry's main office in Donetsk region press service reported. Police started criminal proceedings under Part 3, Article 262 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (stealing, appropriation, extortion of firearms, ammunition, explosives and radioactive materials for the purpose of stealing and extortion of these items accompanied with violence dangerous to life and health).

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk-gunmen-steal-800-kilograms-of-explosives-from-factory-328147>

### **Three Ukrainian soldiers killed, another injured in Donbas conflict zone in last day, 07.01.2015**

"In the last day we lost three Ukrainian soldiers," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"One was killed by a sniper near the village of Nikishin, another died at Donetsk airport, and the third was killed near the village of Pisky in an exchange of small arms fire. Another soldier was wounded."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029517-three-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-another-injured-in-donbas-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Militants shell Ukrainian military positions 15 times on Christmas Eve, 07.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in Ukraine's Donbas intensified their shelling of Ukrainian positions on the night before Orthodox Christmas, launching 15 attacks, the press service of the Ukrainian government's Anti-Terrorist Operation wrote on Facebook on Wednesday.

"Between 1815 and 0600 illegal armed groups fired 15 times on the positions of our military," the press center of the ATO headquarters said.

It said that at first the militants fired automatic grenade launcher at the village of Hranite, then attacked seven times with small arms, mortars and artillery fire on Piskiy from areas in Donetsk. In addition, militant mortar fire hit the villages of Taramchuk, Petrovskoe, Vodnaya, and the meteorological tower of Donetsk airport.

"In the area around Debaltseve, from 2225 to 2230 there was shelling near Chernukhin. And the bandits also fired mortars at Olkhovatka and Redkodub," the press center said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029496-militants-shell-ukrainian-military-positions-15-times-on-christmas-eve.html>

### **Situation in areas of Ukraine under control of militants deteriorating, says OSCE, 07.01.2015**

The situation in the parts of Ukraine where Russian-backed militants have siezed control has deteriorated significantly, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine reported on Tuesday. The OSCE said officers from the Ukrainian and Russian armed forces attended a meeting in Debaltseve of the Joint Center for Control and Coordination, a body set up under the Minsk accords to oversee a military drawdown in the conflict zone, along with representatives of the Donetsk and Luhansk Peoples' Republics militant organizations.

Reporting on the meeting, the OSCE said senior Ukrainian and Russian officers had agreed that the situation in the areas controlled by the militants had deteriorated significantly in the past 24 hours. In particular, the parties noted that during the 24-hour period from 0800 on January 4 to 0800 on January 5, a total of 69 violations of the ceasefire had been recorded. They said the Donetsk People's Republic militants had violated the ceasefire 37 times, and the Ukrainian side 32 times.

They said there were 40 recorded incidents at Donetsk airport, in the area of the Volvo Car Center located at the entrance to the southern part of the village of Piskiy, and in Piskiy itself. Other cases were registered in Nikishin (12 kilometers southeast of Debaltseve) Chornuhino (six kilometers east of Debaltseve) and in villages in the Debaltseve area.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029499-situation-in-areas-of-ukraine-under-control-of-militants-deteriorating-says-osce.html>

### **Gunmen shell Ukrainian military positions with Grad rockets overnight, 08.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in Ukraine's Donbas stepped up their attacks on Ukrainian positions, using heavy weapons and rockets overnight, the press center of the government's Anti-Terrorist Operation headquarters said on Thursday.

"Illegal armed groups continued to provoke Ukrainian servicemen, and opened fire on Ukrainian positions eight times using mainly heavy weapons - mortars and artillery, including Grad multiple rocket launchers," a report posted by the press center on Facebook reads.

In particular, using mortars and artillery systems, militants three times opened fire at ATO forces near Vodiane village. Donetsk airport and a town near Pisky were also hit by mortar attacks. Ukrainian positions at the Ostraya Mogyla burial mound were fired on with small arms.

"Yesterday, at about 1900 bandit armed formations opened fire two times with Grad BM-21 multiple rocket launchers on Ukrainian positions near the settlements of Tonenke and Kamenka," the press center wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029714-gunmen-shell-ukrainian-military-positions-with-grad-rockets-overnight.html>

### **Two Ukrainian soldiers injured in Donbas conflict zone in last day, 08.01.2015**

"Over the last day, we haven't lost any Ukrainian soldiers, and only two were injured," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said adding that Ukrainian positions had come under attack several times by Russian-backed militants overnight.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1029779-two-ukrainian-soldiers-injured-in-donbas-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Tymchuk: Militants fire on Ukrainian troops with rockets near Donetsk, 08.01.2015**

At least two artillery groups of Russian-backed militants have fired on Ukrainian armed forces in the region from Marinka to Yasynuvata, Information Resistance group head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"Six firing batteries, including cannon artillery, anti-tank guns, and multiple launch rocket systems were the weapons [used by] the Russian-backed militants. From time to time, these artillery groups have been reinforced for specific tasks with mortars and multiple launch rocket system from units concentrated in the southeast of Donetsk," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1029725-tymchuk-militants-fire-on-ukrainian-troops-with-rockets-near-donetsk.html>

### **Tymchuk: Russian military launch fast-track training for militants in Donbas, 09.01.2015**

Several accelerated training courses have been organized in Makiivka, Alchevsk and Krasnyi Luch for a number of local units of Russian-backed militants, head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page on Friday.

"We have observed the training of artillery spotters and scouts. The trainers are from the Russian military," he said.

"At the insistence of Russian specialists, the militants have set up [bases for the] repair and maintenance of weapons and military equipment that has been used for a long period of time. The corresponding maintenance crews have been organized there," Tymchuk said.

"Spare parts and supplies have been delivered under the cover of humanitarian convoys from Russia," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030078-tymchuk-russian-military-launch-fast-track-training-for-militants-in-donbas.html>

### **Two civilians killed in Donetsk, 09.01.2015**

Two civilians were killed in Donetsk on Thursday as a result of military action, and another seven were injured, according to the report on the Web site of Donetsk City Hall.

"Yesterday, on January 8, the Kyivskiy, Kirovskiy, Kuibyshevskiy and Petrovskiy districts of the city were intensively attacked by Russian-backed insurgents. There was widespread damage to houses and to the infrastructure and communications [networks] of the city. Two civilians were killed, and another seven were injured," the report reads.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1030112-two-civilians-killed-in-donetsk.html>

### **Four Ukrainian soldiers killed, eight injured in conflict zone in last day, 09.01.2015**

"Over the last day, we have lost four Ukrainian heroes, and another eight were injured as a result of military clashes," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030165-four-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-eight-injured-in-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Two Ukrainian servicemen killed, 20 wounded in Donbas in past 24 hours, 10.01.2015**

Two Ukrainian servicemen were killed and another 20 were wounded in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in Donbas in the past 24 hours, ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"Two were killed [near Stanytsia Luhanska]... Another twenty were wounded," he told.

Lysenko said the two killed military men are members of the Ukrainian National Guard, whose battalion was ambushed. As for the twenty wounded troops, it is the total number of the troops wounded in the anti-terrorist operation zone, not just near Stanytsia Luhanska, he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/243643.html>

### **Militants shell Ukrainian positions, residential areas 18 times overnight, 11.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in the Donbas conflict zone are continuing to attack Ukrainian positions and residential areas with heavy weapons, the ATO press center reported.

"The situation in the zone of the antiterrorist operation is difficult. During the night, illegal armed groups violated the ceasefire 18 times," the press center said in a statement.

It said the militants attacks on Ukrainian military positions are mainly carried out using heavy weapons, including the artillery and multiple rocket launchers.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1030476-militants-shell-ukrainian-positions-residential-areas-18-times-overnight.html>

### **More than 4,800 people killed in eastern Ukraine - UN, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. "From mid-April 2014 to 6 January 2015, at least 4,808 people have been killed (including 298 from flight MH-17) and 10,468 wounded in eastern Ukraine," reads the report of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs published on Sunday.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more\\_than\\_4800\\_people\\_killed\\_in\\_eastern\\_ukraine\\_un\\_328161](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more_than_4800_people_killed_in_eastern_ukraine_un_328161)

### **Gas blast in Izmayil city cafe injures more than 15, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. A powerful blast rocked a downtown cafe in Izmayil, a city in Odesa region, last Sunday afternoon.

Timer online news media reports the explosion occurred at around 15.45 at the Fountain cafe, located between Pobeda movie theater and a school near the Holy Protection cathedral. The building was devastated by raging fire that injured people.

"The explosion injured about 15 persons. Three of the victims who sustained burns of over 50% of their bodies were taken to the intensive care unit. About ten people suffered less severe injuries while the uncertain number of people sustained minor injuries and shock," the statement said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gas\\_blast\\_in\\_izmayil\\_city\\_cafe\\_injures\\_more\\_than\\_15\\_328163](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gas_blast_in_izmayil_city_cafe_injures_more_than_15_328163)

### **Gunmen shell Ukrainian positions 63 times in past 24 hours, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Russian-backed militants continue to violate the ceasefire regime by firing at the positions of Ukrainian military. Terrorists have carried out 63 attacks over the past 24 hours, including 22 since 18.00 on Sunday, the ATO press center reported.

"Near Donetsk, terrorists fired with mortars at the meteorological tower of the Donetsk airport and Avdiyivka. Also, militants shelled Tonenke, Pisky and Opytne with mortars, artillery and Grad multiple rocket launchers, and antitank guided missiles were launched against Hranitne," reads the report.

"In other areas illegal armed groups fired with mortars at the settlements of Vuhlehirsk, Leninske and Hnutove, with artillery systems at the outskirts of Nikishyne, and with Grads at the settlements of Odradvka and Hnutove," the anti-terrorist operation headquarters said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunmen\\_shell\\_ukrainian\\_positions\\_63\\_times\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328166](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunmen_shell_ukrainian_positions_63_times_in_past_24_hours_328166)

### **Two servicemen injured in Donbas conflict zone in past 24 hours, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. "None of the Ukrainian servicemen have been killed over the past 24 hours. Two military have been injured," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_servicemen\\_injured\\_in\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_zone\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328175](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_servicemen_injured_in_donbas_conflict_zone_in_past_24_hours_328175)

### **Checkpoints in Donbas conflict zone may temporarily be closed, Lysenko says, 12.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Checkpoints in the parts of the Donbas conflict zone may temporarily be closed, if necessary, to ensure the safety of citizens.

"If these checkpoints obtain information about possible dangers, they will be temporarily closed. One needs to realize that the Ukrainian army and authorities cooperate to ensure the safety of our citizens," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/checkpoints\\_in\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_zone\\_may\\_temporarily\\_be\\_closed\\_lysenko\\_says\\_328180](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/checkpoints_in_donbas_conflict_zone_may_temporarily_be_closed_lysenko_says_328180)

### **Donetsk residents report multiple Grad rockets launches within city last Monday, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. Multiple rockets launch systems Grad operated by the terrorists have been seen firing from different locations including downtown of the most populous city in Donbas last Monday.

The news is reported by the witnesses in social media as well as in their comments on the developments in Donetsk.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk\\_residents\\_report\\_multiple\\_grad\\_rockets\\_launches\\_within\\_city\\_last\\_monday\\_328190](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_residents_report_multiple_grad_rockets_launches_within_city_last_monday_328190)

### **Situation in Donbas gets worse - OSCE, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) noted a marked increase in reported ceasefire violations in its report on Monday, the Radio Liberty reported.

"According to the OSCE, on last Friday and Saturday there was increase in ceasefire violations reported, a total of 72 ceasefire violations on Friday and a total of 111 violations on Saturday, of which 39 were recorded at the Donetsk airport," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation\\_in\\_donbas\\_gets\\_worse\\_osce\\_328193](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_in_donbas_gets_worse_osce_328193)

### **Ukrainian forces under heavier shelling, 84 episodes in past 24 hours, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 12 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian forces positions were shelled 84 times in the last 24 hours as gunmen's armed groups had been escalating the number and intensity of their attacks on our troops and the residential areas of Donbas. 11 residential areas and Ukrainian military positions near those villages were hit by the terrorists, ATO press center reports.

"The gunmen groups have fired from heavy weapons as in the past days. The most intensive fighting goes on at the Donetsk airport and in the residential areas surrounding it. Weather tower at Donetsk airport along with residential areas in Krasnohorivka, Nevelske, Opytne, Pisky and Tonenke were hit 12 times by Grad multiple launcher missiles," the reports says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_forces\\_under\\_heavier\\_shelling\\_84\\_episodes\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328195](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_forces_under_heavier_shelling_84_episodes_in_past_24_hours_328195)

### **Zakharchenko: no rotation of Ukrainian troops, handing over wounded at Donetsk airport, 13.01.2015**

Ukraine has unilaterally stopped observing the ceasefire memorandum, leader of the militants in the self-proclaimed DPR Oleksandr Zakharchenko told journalists on Monday in Donetsk.

"Donetsk has returned to life as it was before the previous peace talks," Zakharchenko said.

"The Ukrainian authorities have been shelling Donetsk for three days. Judging by its actions, Ukraine has decided to withdraw unilaterally from the memorandum on a ceasefire, although they haven't officially declared war on us."

He said he was ready for talks, but he sees no sense in them and he is already tired of them. "If we understand that this conflict can't be solved peacefully, we will have to solve it by force," he said.

He also said that he saw no sense in allowing any more rotations of Ukrainian armed forces at Donetsk airport.

"I won't hand over any wounded soldier. This is my official position," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1031173-zakharchenko-says-he-wont-allow-rotation-of-ukrainian-troops-handing-over-wounded-at-donetsk-airport.html>

### **Militants fire on bus near Volnovakha, kill 11, injure 13, 13.01.2015**

Ten people were killed and another 13 wounded in east Ukraine on Tuesday when a passenger bus was hit by a shell fired by Russian-backed militants, head of the Interior Ministry in Donetsk region Viacheslav Abroskin has written on Facebook.

The tragedy occurred when militants were attempting to carry out an artillery strike on a checkpoint of the ATO forces near Volnovakha, Abroskin wrote.

"Half an hour ago Russian-backed insurgents fired artillery at a checkpoint of the Ukrainian armed forces near Volnovakha from Dokuchaevsk," he said.

"They made a direct hit on a passenger bus. As of now, ten people have been killed, and another 13 injured. The information has to be confirmed," Abroskin said.

"An investigative group of the Interior Ministry in Donetsk region is working at the scene now," he added.

Later one more person died at hospital.

Wednesday has been declared a day of mourning in Donetsk region to mark the deaths of 12 people in a bus shelled by Russian-backed militants in Volnovakha, the press service of the Donetsk Regional State Administration reported on Wednesday.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1031407-militants-fire-on-bus-near-volnovakha-kill-10-injure-13.html>

<http://www.unian.info/society/1031803-day-of-mourning-declared-in-donetsk-region-for-those-killed-near-volnovakha.html>

### **Traffic control tower falls in Donetsk airport, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. The airport traffic control tower fell in the Donetsk Airport because of shelling on Tuesday, ATO spokesman Leonid Matiukhin said this to BBC Ukraine.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/traffic\\_control\\_tower\\_falls\\_in\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_328201](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/traffic_control_tower_falls_in_donetsk_airport_328201)

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed and 10 servicemen wounded in past 24 hours, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. "One Ukrainian serviceman was killed and ten other soldiers were wounded in the fightings within the last 24 hours," said ATO spokesperson Lysenko.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one\\_ukrainian\\_soldier\\_killed\\_and\\_10\\_servicemen\\_wounded\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328202](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_ukrainian_soldier_killed_and_10_servicemen_wounded_in_past_24_hours_328202)

### **Ukrainian artillery destroys militants' checkpoint near Stanytsia Luhanska, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. "Ukrainian artillery retaliated with the counterfire after terrorists shelled Ukrainian troops' positions near Stanytsia Luhanska settlement. Militant's checkpoint is destroyed," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_artillery\\_destroys\\_militants\\_checkpoint\\_near\\_stanytsia\\_luhanska\\_328204](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_artillery_destroys_militants_checkpoint_near_stanytsia_luhanska_328204)

### **ATO forces fired 47 times for last 12 hours, 13.01.2015**

KYIV, January 13 /Ukrinform/. Militants have fired ATO forces for 47 times today, chief of the Command Center of the Armed Forces of Ukraine General Bohdan Bondar said.  
"Since 6AM till the present moment (as of 4:55 p.m. -Ed.) there've been 47 attacks," he said.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato\\_forces\\_fired\\_47\\_times\\_for\\_last\\_12\\_hours\\_328215](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_fired_47_times_for_last_12_hours_328215)

### **Ukrainian military repel attack of militants near Mariupol, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military successfully repelled a number of terrorist attacks in Hnutove village near Mariupol, Donetsk region, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk posted on his Facebook page.  
"Hours-long infantry combat using mortars and cannon artillery lasted in Hnutove village near Mariupol. Several units of terrorists carried out numerous, but fruitless, attacks against forward positions of Ukrainian troops," Tymchuk wrote.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_military\\_repel\\_attack\\_of\\_militants\\_near\\_mariupol\\_328216](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_repel_attack_of_militants_near_mariupol_328216)

### **One serviceman killed, 17 wounded in eastern Ukraine in past 24 hours, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. One Ukrainian military serviceman has been killed and 17 have been injured in the anti-terrorist operation zone in the past 24 hours, spokesman for the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine Andriy Lysenko has said.  
"We have lost one man and 17 have been wounded over the past day," he said.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one\\_serviceman\\_killed\\_17\\_wounded\\_in\\_eastern\\_ukraine\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328235](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_serviceman_killed_17_wounded_in_eastern_ukraine_in_past_24_hours_328235)

### **Militants advance artillery, infantry near Avdiyivka, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue accumulating forces in the area of Yasynuvatska road junction, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk said.  
"There can be observed deployment of the "infantry" units and artillery to the forefront. New artillery positions in the area have also been noticed. The enemy takes similar actions near Spartak village," Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_advance\\_artillery\\_infantry\\_near\\_avdiyivka\\_328248](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_advance_artillery_infantry_near_avdiyivka_328248)

### **Ukrainian positions attacked 129 times per 24 hours, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Militants continue increasing the number and intensity of attacks on the positions of our forces and peaceful settlements in Donbas. The armed gangs fired positions of our military 129 times per last 24 hours, the ATO press center reports.  
"The armed gangs have not stopped shelling position of our forces near the Donetsk airport. Villages Tonenke, Bohdanivka, Pisky and town of Krasnohorivka, Donetsk region, came under Grad multiple rocket launchers shelling. A new Donetsk airport terminal, which our military are not going to leave, was fired with cannon artillery and rocket launchers," reads the statement.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_positions\\_attacked\\_129\\_times\\_per\\_24\\_hours\\_328252](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_positions_attacked_129_times_per_24_hours_328252)

### **Two servicemen killed, six wounded in eastern Ukraine in past 24 hours, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. "We have lost two men and six have been wounded over the past day," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_servicemen\\_killed\\_six\\_wounded\\_in\\_eastern\\_ukraine\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328264](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_servicemen_killed_six_wounded_in_eastern_ukraine_in_past_24_hours_328264)

### **Donetsk Leader Says Kiev Preparing for War, 15.01.2015**

DONETSK, January 15 (Sputnik) –"Ukraine is preparing for war. This is obvious from the movement of equipment and troop deployments," DPR leader Alexander Zakharchenko said.

<http://sputniknews.com/europe/20150115/1016923166.html>

### **Over 3,000 militants deployed from Crimea to Donbass, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. The latest training cycle of militants for operations in Donbas in the specialized training centers in occupied Crimea and Russia is coming to its end.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page.

"The latest training cycle of militants for operations in Donbas in the specialized training centers in Perevalne (in occupied Crimea) and near Rostov-on-Don (Russia) is coming to its end. The total number of trained fighters exceeds 3 000 people," reads the statement.

Tymchuk added that these terrorists will join forces in creating centralized armed groups of the so-called Novorossiia.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over\\_3000\\_militants\\_deployed\\_from\\_crimea\\_to\\_donbass\\_328269](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_3000_militants_deployed_from_crimea_to_donbass_328269)

### **Military hospital receives 70 wounded from Donbas in last 3 days, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. Dnipropetrovsk military hospital has treated 70 recently wounded soldiers brought from the Donbas conflict zone in last 3 days.

" I confirm 70 recently wounded soldiers were brought to the military hospital in Dnipropetrovsk from the Donetsk conflict zone in last 3 days. Soldiers stationed in Luhansk region were not transported to our hospital because they are treated in Kharkiv. Four patients with serious wounds are treated in intensive care unit, 17 patients are treated in surgical department. The other wounded soldiers are recovering," surgical department Head Yevhen Herasymenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/military\\_hospital\\_receives\\_70\\_wounded\\_from\\_donbas\\_in\\_last\\_3\\_days\\_328273](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/military_hospital_receives_70_wounded_from_donbas_in_last_3_days_328273)

### **Trilateral contact group on Donbas meets in Kyiv, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. Trilateral contact group met on Thursday in Kyiv to discuss the possibility of the self-proclaimed republics representatives participation in further consultations.

"As a follow-up to the meeting of the four Ministers of Foreign Affairs in the "Normandie format" of 12 January 2015 in Berlin, the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG), consisting of senior representatives of Ukraine, the Russian Federation and the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, met today in Kyiv in preparation for the planned consultations of the TCG with representatives of certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions," reads the group's statement on the OSCE website.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/trilateral\\_contact\\_group\\_on\\_donbas\\_meets\\_in\\_kyiv\\_328275](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/trilateral_contact_group_on_donbas_meets_in_kyiv_328275)

### **Fire at South-Ukraine NPP occurs at night, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. Fire has occurred at the South-Ukraine nuclear power plant at night, SE NNEGC "Energoatom" press office has reported.

"January 15, 2015, at 22.03, the 1AT grid system coupling autotransformer disconnected under electrical protection action with the appearance of fire at the South-Ukraine NPP. January 15, 2015, at 23.42, fire was extinguished," the press office of "Energoatom" notes.

The company stressed that the background radiation at the plant is within the normal range.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fire\\_at\\_south\\_ukraine\\_npp\\_occurs\\_at\\_night\\_328276](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fire_at_south_ukraine_npp_occurs_at_night_328276)

### **Six Ukrainian soldiers killed for past 24 hours, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. "Six Ukrainian soldiers were killed, other 18 were injured in combat operations for the past 24 hours," ATO speaker Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_for\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328293](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_ukrainian_soldiers_killed_for_past_24_hours_328293)

### **Ukrainian military shelled 82 times for past 24 hours, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. Illegal armed groups shelled villages Shchastia, Krymske, Verkhnia Vilkhova, Triokhizbenka and outskirts of Frunze, Luhansk region, with "Grad" multiple rocket launchers. Shelling lasted there until 4 a.m., the ATO press center has reported. "The armed gangs fired positions of the ATO forces 82 times for the past 24 hours," reads the press center's statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_military\\_shelled\\_82\\_times\\_for\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328278](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_shelled_82_times_for_past_24_hours_328278)

### **Gunmen concentrate troops and armored vehicles near Debaltseve, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. A company tactical group (CTG) of Russian-terrorist military arrived at Irmine village next to the Debaltseve bridgehead.

"The group consists of 15 armored combat vehicles and 3 tanks. This company tactical group serves as part of enemy's frontline troops that comes from Krasnodon-Luhansk and stays near Stakhanov. The group is manned by Russian military from the Southern Military District of Russia," Head of Information Resistance group Dmitro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunmen\\_concentrate\\_troops\\_and\\_armored\\_vehicles\\_near\\_debaltseve\\_328280](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunmen_concentrate_troops_and_armored_vehicles_near_debaltseve_328280)

### **Defense Ministry: Serious situation at Donetsk airport, militants use tear gas, 16.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants, now into the third day of their attempt to take Donetsk airport, have used tear gas against its Ukrainian defenders, Ukraine's Defense Ministry said on Friday.

It said the situation at the airport as of 1500 on Friday was extremely serious.

"In the morning, the terrorists continued to unsuccessfully attack the positions of the Ukrainian soldiers who are heroically maintaining the defense of the terminal," the ministry's press service said.

"At about 1200 hours the militants used a type of tear gas against the Ukrainian troops. The Ukrainian forces are fighting back and continue to hold their positions."

The ministry's press service said the Russian-backed militants had lost a great deal of equipment and manpower during their attacks.

The militants stepped up their attacks on the airport on January 13, attempting to drive Ukrainian troops from the new terminal – the last major building in the airport complex still under government control.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1032832-defense-ministry-serious-situation-at-donetsk-airport-militants-use-tear-gas.html>

### **Donetsk outskirts shelled with artillery at night, 17.01.2015**

KYIV, January 17 /Ukrinform/. Three outskirt areas of Donetsk came under fire past night. The data on the dead and the wounded is being specified.

"Night of January 16-17 in Donetsk was not calm. Petrovsky, Kyivsky and Kuibyshevsky districts of Donetsk were shelled with artillery. Data on victims and damages is being specified," reads the statement of Donetsk city administration press office.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk\\_outskirts\\_shelled\\_with\\_artillery\\_at\\_night\\_328308](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_outskirts_shelled_with_artillery_at_night_328308)

### **OSCE mission comes under fire again, 17.01.2015**

KYIV, January 17 /Ukrinform/. The representatives of the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the OSCE, who arrived in village of Chermalyk, controlled by the Ukrainian forces, (72 km south of Donetsk) to oversee the renovations of rural pump, came under fire again.

This is stated in the latest report of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_mission\\_comes\\_under\\_fire\\_again\\_328311](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_mission_comes_under_fire_again_328311)

### **New "corridor" opened in Donbas, 17.01.2015**

KYIV, January 17 /Ukrinform/. "On January 18, 2015, at 24.00, the road corridor "Luhansk-Novoaydar-Shchastia" will be closed. Instead of it, the new road corridor "Stakhaniv-Pervomaisk-Zolote-Hirne-Lysychansk" with an entry-exit checkpoint "Lysychansk" will be opened," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new\\_corridor\\_opened\\_in\\_donbas\\_328317](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new_corridor_opened_in_donbas_328317)



### **Three Ukrainian soldiers killed for past 24 hours, 17.01.2015**

KYIV, January 17 /Ukrinform/. "Three Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 18 soldiers were injured for the past 24 hours," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_for\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328312](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_ukrainian_soldiers_killed_for_past_24_hours_328312)

### **Avdiyivka coking plant shelled, production stopped. Photos, 17.01.2015**

KYIV, January 17 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have shelled the Avdiyivka coking plant with "Grad" multiple rocket launchers. Three plant workers have been injured. The coke production has been suspended, CEO of the Avdiyivka coking plant Musa Mahomedov posted on Facebook. "The plant was shelled with "Grad" an hour ago. Three workers are wounded. We had to stop all the works because of damage to gas collector and explosion threat. All the major shops have been struck. We repair them and will try to resume production today..." the CEO posted.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/avdiyivka\\_coking\\_plant\\_shelled\\_production\\_stopped\\_photos\\_328315](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/avdiyivka_coking_plant_shelled_production_stopped_photos_328315)

### **ATO forces trying to evacuate injured Ukrainian soldiers from Donetsk airport, fighting continues – press center, 17.01.2015**

"Severe fighting goes on in Donetsk Airport. Ukrainian soldiers are taking measures to block the enemy's fire in order to evacuate the injured from the new terminal," the ATO press service reported on its Facebook page.

At the same time, Andriy Tapliyenko wrote on Facebook on Saturday that Right Sector fighters had managed to secure another corridor to Donetsk Airport.

"I do not know what these guys are made of, but Right Sector cannot stop surprising us. 'Bars' (nom de guerre of the commander of an assault company in Pisky) informs us that they've 'perforated' another corridor from Pisky to the airport, so there is a new 'lifeline route.' Our fighters in the terminal haven't been left alone. An armored vehicle has arrived to pick up some of the injured. The militants asked the 'cyborgs' to cease fire to collect their cargo 200 (the dead) and 300 (the wounded)," he wrote.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/245252.html>

### **"We are not retreating and do not intend to," 'cyborgs' appealed to Ukrainian people. VIDEO, 17.01.2015**

Ukrainian soldiers protecting the Donetsk airport aren't retreating from the airport terminals and are ready to defend Ukrainian land.

Soldiers stressed that they won't retreat and are ready to protect Ukraine. Soldier nicknamed Mokha said that people do not know a lot of details, but the Army still controls the Donetsk airport and that's the most important point. Soldier nicknamed Baikal thanked the volunteers who are delivering aid even under such conditions. "We are not retreating and do not intend to," the platoon commander said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/video\\_news/320330/we\\_are\\_not\\_retreating\\_and\\_do\\_not\\_intend\\_to\\_cyborgs\\_appealed\\_to\\_ukrainian\\_people\\_video](http://en.censor.net.ua/video_news/320330/we_are_not_retreating_and_do_not_intend_to_cyborgs_appealed_to_ukrainian_people_video)

### **Terrorists shelled Popasna village with Grad rocket system. One civilian killed and four injured, 17.01.2015**

One Popasna resident was killed and four were wounded after the village was shelled with Grad rocket system by the militants shelled.

"Today, about 3 p.m. the terrorists shelled Popasna village, controlled by the Army, with Grad rocket system. Cheremushky neighborhood has suffered the most. One civilian was killed; four injured were hospitalized," Hennadii Moskal, Head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration, personal website says.

Pipeline was damaged in Cheremushky neighborhood and 600 residents left with no gas. The shelling continued until 4 p.m. Destruction level is now being investigated.

"Triokhizbenka village is another hot spot in the area. The village has been shelled with mortars for a couple of days. There are about fifty houses destroyed in the village. There are no electricity, no water, no heating, no telephone connection," Moskal concluded.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320327/terrorists\\_shelled\\_popasna\\_village\\_with\\_grad\\_rocket\\_system\\_one\\_civilian\\_killed\\_and\\_four\\_injured](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320327/terrorists_shelled_popasna_village_with_grad_rocket_system_one_civilian_killed_and_four_injured)

### **Donetsk airport remains under Ukrainian control - military operation spokesman, 17.01.2015**

"The antiterrorist operation forces continue to keep this strategic site under their control," the ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/245201.html>

### **Situation in Donetsk airport remains relatively calm. Ukrainian soldiers still control it, 18.01.2015**

The Army conducted active operations aimed to suppress enemy's fire and establish control over the Donetsk airport.

"Wounded soldiers were evacuated and taken to the hospitals. The situation remains relatively calm. The ATO forces keep things under control," the statement says. The terrorists also hit the meteorological tower during their attacks.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320367/situation\\_in\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_remains\\_relatively\\_calm\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_still\\_control\\_it](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320367/situation_in_donetsk_airport_remains_relatively_calm_ukrainian_soldiers_still_control_it)

### **Ukrainian troops opened heavy fire at Russian terrorists' positions in Donbas, 18.01.2015**

Ukrainian troops were ordered to open fire at militants in the Donetsk region.

"Good morning country! All our troops in the B sector were ordered to open fire at known terrorists' positions at 06:01 a.m. Did we follow the truce? Yes we did! We were interested in a peaceful solution, weren't we? Well, today we will kick ass," the Advisor to the President of Ukraine Yuriy Biriukov wrote on Facebook.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320370/ukrainian\\_troops\\_opened\\_heavy\\_fire\\_at\\_russian\\_terrorists\\_positions\\_in\\_donbas](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320370/ukrainian_troops_opened_heavy_fire_at_russian_terrorists_positions_in_donbas)

### **At night terrorists shelled Luhansk region with Grads. There are casualties – Moskal, 18.01.2015**

On Saturday afternoon and on Sunday night the terrorists continued shelling the government-controlled territories of the Luhansk region with artillery, mortars and Grads.

"Unfortunately, there are losses. In Shchastia town two Grad rockets, fired from the direction of the "cossack"-controlled Vesela Hora Mountain, got into a police school building. A Ukrainian soldier died. According to updated data, yesterday's shelling of Popasna town with Grad rockets killed not one, but two local residents. Two more men were taken to hospital with injuries," Hennadii Moskal, Head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration writes.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320382/at\\_night\\_terrorists\\_shelled\\_luhansk\\_region\\_with\\_grads\\_there\\_are\\_casualties\\_moskal](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320382/at_night_terrorists_shelled_luhansk_region_with_grads_there_are_casualties_moskal)

### **Four soldiers killed, 32 injured over last 24 hours, 18.01.2015**

"Four Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 32 injured over the past 24 hours," NSDC Information Analysis Center speaker Andrii Lysenko said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320390/four\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_32\\_injured\\_over\\_last\\_24\\_hours](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320390/four_soldiers_killed_32_injured_over_last_24_hours)

### **Dnipropetrovsk hospitals received 60 people wounded in ATO zone over past 72 hours, 18.01.2015**

Over the past 72 hours, Dnipropetrovsk city hospitals received 60 people who were injured in the ATO area, Sviatoslav Oliinyk, Deputy Head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration, reports.

"According to the Department of Health of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration, local hospitals received 17 wounded and sick soldiers from the ATO area on Thursday. One soldier was brought on Friday and 42 more on Saturday," Oliinyk said.

Of these, 19 people are in the military hospital and 26 in the Mechnikov regional hospital.

"All the wounded troops received necessary medical care. The hospitals provide most of the necessary preparations. The administration constantly monitors the health of the wounded and the availability of the preparations," Oliinyk stressed.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320412/dnipropetrovsk\\_hospitals\\_received\\_60\\_people\\_wounded\\_in\\_ato\\_zone\\_over\\_past\\_72\\_hours](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320412/dnipropetrovsk_hospitals_received_60_people_wounded_in_ato_zone_over_past_72_hours)

### **Terrorists shelled Ukrainian troops' positions with Grads near Pervomaisk town – the M sector, 18.01.2015**

"Today at 7:45 a.m. the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine near Pervomaisk in the northeast of the M sector were shelled with 122 mm Grad rockets," the press officer of the M sector group of the ATO area Dmytro Chalyi stated.

There are no casualties among Ukrainian military.

There were no drones observed over the M sector at night and in the morning.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320383/terrorists\\_shelled\\_ukrainian\\_troops\\_positions\\_with\\_grads\\_near\\_pervomaisk\\_town\\_the\\_m\\_sector](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320383/terrorists_shelled_ukrainian_troops_positions_with_grads_near_pervomaisk_town_the_m_sector)

### **Terrorists blew up Putylyivskiy bridge in Donetsk. PHOTOS, 18.01.2015**

It is now impossible to enter Donetsk from the North since Putylyivskiy bridge was blown up.

The circumstances of the explosion are being specified.

Social network users spread the information from the separatist groups on Facebook and Vk.ru, according to which the bridge was destroyed by separatists themselves.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320421/terrorists\\_blew\\_up\\_putylyivskiy\\_bridge\\_in\\_donetsk\\_photos](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320421/terrorists_blew_up_putylyivskiy_bridge_in_donetsk_photos)

### **Ukrainian military shelled 99 times in past 24 hours, 19.01.2015**

Ukrainian military and residential areas were shelled 99 times by gunmen using mortars, grenade launchers, artillery and Grad multiple missile launching systems in past 24 hours, according to the press center of anti-terrorist operation in the Donbas conflict zone.

Headquarters of anti-terrorist operation in the Donbas conflict zone reported 35 episodes of shelling at Ukrainian troops dislocations and peaceful residential areas.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_military\\_shelled\\_99\\_times\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328319](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_shelled_99_times_in_past_24_hours_328319)

### **Biriukov: All wounded evacuated from Donetsk airport new terminal at night, 19.01.2015**

All of the Ukrainian soldiers wounded during the defense of Donetsk airport were evacuated on Sunday night, Presidential Advisor Yuriy Biriukov has reported on his page on Facebook.

Ukrainian officials claimed on Sunday that Ukrainian forces had regained control of the airport complex, but that claim cannot be verified.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1033379-biriukov-all-wounded-evacuated-from-donetsk-airport-new-terminal-at-night.html>

### **Ten civilians wounded in Debaltseve during terrorists' shelling, 19.01.2015**

KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists shelled Debaltseve, a city 74 kilometers northwest of Donetsk, wounding 10 civilians on Monday morning, according to head of police at Ukraine's Internal Ministry in Donetsk region Vyacheslav Abroskin who posted the news on Facebook.

"Today, at 07.45, Debaltseve was shelled by terrorists using artillery. Some buildings were damaged in the downtown. Ten wounded civilians were brought to a local hospital. An 8 year old girl and her 21 year old mother were badly wounded," the official wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ten\\_civilians\\_wounded\\_in\\_debaltseve\\_during\\_terrorists\\_shelling\\_328323](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ten_civilians_wounded_in_debaltseve_during_terrorists_shelling_328323)

### **ATO Headquarters: Militants suffer substantial losses of manpower and equipment at Donetsk airport, 19.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants launched 35 attacks on the positions of the Ukrainian military and villages in the Donbas conflict zone on Sunday night, according to ATO press center.

"Active military operations are underway on the territory of Donetsk airport to fight for militant-held areas. The enemy is suffering significant losses in manpower and equipment," the statement on Facebook says.

Ukrainian officials claimed on Sunday to have retaken Donetsk airport, but produced no evidence to back up the claim. Footage aired by several Russian news channels on Sunday appears to show Russian-backed militants in control of a substantial part of the airport complex.

"Mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and artillery were used by the militants to launch attacks on Makarov, Sokolniki, Krasnogorivka, Tonenke, Troitske, Popasnaya, Chermalyk and Talakovka. The militants fired on Krymske three times," the statement goes on.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1033406-ato-headquarters-militants-suffer-substantial-losses-of-manpower-and-equipment-at-donetsk-airport.html>

**Three Ukrainian soldiers killed in action, 66 wounded within last 24 hours, 19.01.2015**  
KYIV, January 19 /Ukrinform/. "Three Ukrainian soldiers were killed in action and 66 wounded within last 24 hours," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.  
<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-in-action-66-wounded-within-last-24-hours-328326>

**NSDC: two Russian battalion task forces cross Ukrainian border, 19.01.2015**  
Two battalions of Russian troops crossed the border from Russia into Ukraine, NSDC said. "According to the latest information of the National Security and Defense Council, today two battalion task forces of the Russian Federation were spotted crossing the Ukrainian Russian border," a statement issued by the center reads.  
<http://www.unian.info/society/1033567-nsdc-two-russian-battalion-task-forces-cross-ukrainian-border.html>

**Lysenko: LPR announces creation of own air force, 19.01.2015**  
The militants of the Luhansk People's Republic organization have announced the creation of their own air force, National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said. "The armed groups of the so-called LPR have announced the creation of their own air forces, consisting of two planes – Su-25 jet aircraft and L-29 jet trainer aircraft," Lysenko said. "This fact indicates the beginning of an information campaign to cover the possible use of Russian military aircraft against Ukrainian forces," he said.  
<http://www.unian.info/politics/1033570-lysenko-lpr-announces-creation-of-own-air-force.html>

**Kiev Lacks Control Over Battalions in East Ukraine, Ceasefire Unlikely, 19.01.2015**  
DONETSK, January 19 (Sputnik) – Multiple battalions operating in southeastern Ukraine do not follow Kiev's orders and a ceasefire is unlikely to be reached with local independence supporters in the near future, Denis Pushilin, the envoy of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) at the Minsk peace talks, has stressed. "Kiev does not control a number of units. Currently, 57 regional battalions are known to exist," Pushilin said in an interview with the Russian Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper, when asked about the reasons behind the continuing fighting in southeastern Ukraine, which has recently intensified, particularly in the Donetsk area. According to Pushilin, the broader reasons behind the conflict in Ukraine, escalated last spring when Kiev launched a military operation against independence supporters in the southeast, is that the new coup-installed Kiev government is not pursuing an independent policy. "Kiev is currently in a position where it can neither fight nor establish peace. They have no money for war and no people willing to go to war. And they can't achieve peace, because they are not independent in their decisions," the DPR envoy said, adding that the main decision-making center for Ukraine is "across the ocean".  
<http://sputniknews.com/military/20150119/1017060986.html>

**10 Ukrainian soldiers killed, 16 wounded over the past 24 hours in the Donbas, 21.01.2015**  
This was announced by the acting speaker of the General Staff Vladyslav Selezniiov, Censor.NET reports citing Ukrainski Novyny. According to him, six people were killed in the Donetsk airport. The exact number of killed and wounded is still being specified.  
<http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321025/10-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-16-wounded-over-the-past-24-hours-in-the-donbas>

**Group of criminals manufacturing explosive devices arrested in Kharkiv, 21.01.2015**  
Interior Minister Arsen Avakov reported about arrest of a group of five people who made explosives in Kharkiv. The Interior Ministry continues making arrests. We detained a group of five people led by a certain leader of the so-called "Slobozhansk Cossacks" Yurii Lashyn.  
<http://censor.net.ua/news/320979/zachistka-harkova-prodoljaetsya-arestovana-gruppa-iz-pyati-chelovek-izgotovlyavshaya-vzryvnye-ustroystva>

## **Ukrainian detachments abandoned ruins of the Donetsk airport new terminal, 22.01.2015**

All buildings that could be used as defense strongholds for the Ukrainian soldiers were completely destroyed during the battle for the airport in Donetsk.

"The defense of the Donetsk airport lasted for 242 days from May 26, 2014 to Jan. 22, 2015.

"Both new and old terminals, control tower, everything that could be used as defense stronghold, were completely destroyed. The airport turned into direct fire engagement area, but the last surviving defenders left the ruins of the new terminal building only today.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320999/ukrainian\\_detachments\\_abandoned\\_ruins\\_of\\_the\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_new\\_terminal](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320999/ukrainian_detachments_abandoned_ruins_of_the_donetsk_airport_new_terminal)

## **Up to 13 civilians killed after a shell hit public transport stop in Donetsk, 22.01.2015**

A shell exploded at a public transport stop in Donetsk Thursday morning. The explosion damaged several inner-city buses and a trolleybus which stopped at the location. Witnesses said that there were killed and wounded. The incident happened at 9 a.m. in the Lenin district.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/photo\\_news/321022/up\\_to\\_13\\_civilians\\_killed\\_after\\_a\\_shell\\_hit\\_public\\_transport\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_photosvideo](http://en.censor.net.ua/photo_news/321022/up_to_13_civilians_killed_after_a_shell_hit_public_transport_stop_in_donetsk_photosvideo)

## **NSDC Secretary Turchynov attacked on the way to the Donetsk airport, 22.01.2015**

National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov got under shelling on the way to the Donetsk airport. Sources in the National Security and Defense Council informed Ukrainska Pravda, Censor.NET reports.

According to the interlocutor, the Cougar armored vehicle, which was taking Turchynov to the airport, came under heavy shelling near the village of Opytne. Turchynov came out unscathed.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320994/nsdc\\_secretary\\_turchynov\\_attacked\\_on\\_the\\_way\\_to\\_the\\_donetsk\\_airport](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/320994/nsdc_secretary_turchynov_attacked_on_the_way_to_the_donetsk_airport)

## **Terrorists shell residential areas from Grads in Debaltseve and Avdiivka, 22.01.2015**

Thursday morning, starting from 6 a.m., the terrorists continued to aim at civilians of Ukraine, residents of Debaltseve and Avdiivka in the Donetsk region. "The terrorists are destroying residential houses with adjusted fire from Grad MLRSes," he wrote. This was announced by Viacheslav Abroskin, the chief police officer of the Donetsk region, on his Facebook page.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321007/terrorists\\_shell\\_residential\\_areas\\_from\\_grads\\_in\\_debaltseve\\_and\\_avdiivka](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321007/terrorists_shell_residential_areas_from_grads_in_debaltseve_and_avdiivka)

## **The trolleybus in Donetsk was shelled from residential areas controlled by terrorists, Defense Ministry says, 22.01.2015**

The terrorists shelled a trolleybus in Donetsk on Jan. 22. Civilians were killed as a result of the shelling. The trolleybus was shelled from the direction where no fighting is taking place, Censor.NET reports citing the press service of the Defense Ministry. It is stressed that the place from where the shelling was launched is 15 km from the ATO positions.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321044/the\\_trolleybus\\_in\\_donetsk\\_was\\_shelled\\_from\\_residential\\_areas\\_controlled\\_by\\_terrorists\\_defense\\_ministry](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321044/the_trolleybus_in_donetsk_was_shelled_from_residential_areas_controlled_by_terrorists_defense_ministry)

## **Battle near the Donetsk airport continues. Part of the buildings and territory is under the Armed Forces' control. Six 'Cyborgs' killed in the past 24 hours, 22.01.2015**

Fierce clashes around the Donetsk city airport continue. Some of the buildings and part of the airport are under the Ukrainian troops' control. In addition, the Defense Ministry says six Ukrainian servicemen were killed in the battle for the airport in the last 24 hours.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321023/battle\\_near\\_the\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_continues\\_part\\_of\\_the\\_buildings\\_and\\_territory\\_is\\_under\\_the\\_armed\\_forces](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321023/battle_near_the_donetsk_airport_continues_part_of_the_buildings_and_territory_is_under_the_armed_forces)

## **Concentration of Russian military and equipment spotted near Triokhizbenka, 22.01.2015**

"A significant concentration of Russian military, as well as heavy equipment: tanks, trucks, tankers, and five large trucks with pontoons has been spotted in the vicinity of Zhovte village near Triokhizbenka and Slovianoserbsk. This may indicate a possible attempt of the Russian-terrorist forces to build a ferry across the Siverskyi Donets river for rapid deployment of the enemy's armored vehicles, artillery, and troops in the direction of the ATO forces," Shkiriak said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321177/concentration\\_of\\_russian\\_military\\_and\\_equipment\\_spotted\\_near\\_triokhizbenka](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321177/concentration_of_russian_military_and_equipment_spotted_near_triokhizbenka)

## **Ukrainian guerrillas blew up a freight train in Luhansk region carrying coal to Russia, 22.01.2015**

"At night, a partisan unit coordinated by Dnipro-1 battalion blew up a freight train used by the terrorists to transport coal to the Russian Federation.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321151/ukrainian\\_guerrillas\\_blew\\_up\\_a\\_freight\\_train\\_in\\_luhansk\\_region\\_carrying\\_coal\\_to\\_russia](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321151/ukrainian_guerrillas_blew_up_a_freight_train_in_luhansk_region_carrying_coal_to_russia)

## **Militants showing increased activity. Most difficult situation is near Debaltseve – ATO press center, 22.01.2015**

During the day, the illegal armed groups showed increased activity in certain areas. The report notes: "The most difficult situation has developed in the area of Debaltseve town. The enemy is conducting massive attacks on the ATO positions near Debaltseve, Olkhovatka, Ridkodub, Popasna, Sanzharivka, Troitske, Chornukhyne and others. The total number of such attacks as of 6 p.m. was 45. Our military has successfully conducted counter-battery fire, causing militant losses in manpower and equipment."

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321165/militants\\_showing\\_increased\\_activity\\_most\\_difficult\\_situation\\_is\\_near\\_debaltseve\\_ato\\_press\\_center](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321165/militants_showing_increased_activity_most_difficult_situation_is_near_debaltseve_ato_press_center)

## **Terrorists shell Marinka: 9-year-old killed. His 14-year-old brother and grandmother wounded, 22.01.2015**

The shelling of Marinka by the pro-Russian militants killed a 9-year-old boy and wounded his 14-year-old brother and grandmother with shrapnel.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321140/terrorists\\_shell\\_marinka\\_9yearold\\_killed\\_his\\_14yearold\\_brother\\_and\\_grandmother\\_wounded](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321140/terrorists_shell_marinka_9yearold_killed_his_14yearold_brother_and_grandmother_wounded)

## **NATO confirms movement of Russian troops across Ukrainian border, 22.01.2015**

The Alliance cannot yet provide the exact number of troops of the Russian Federation in the territory of Ukraine, but it recorded the movement across the border under the cover of anti-aircraft and electronic warfare systems. The NATO has detected signs of heightened Russian involvement in fighting in parts of eastern Ukraine, the alliance's top military commander said on Thursday.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321138/nato\\_confirms\\_movement\\_of\\_russian\\_troops\\_across\\_ukrainian\\_border](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321138/nato_confirms_movement_of_russian_troops_across_ukrainian_border)

## **Agreement reached for 'cyborgs' not to be tortured. Senior officers may be taken to Russia, 22.01.2014**

The number of "cyborgs" captured by the terrorists is over 20. An agreement was reached with the leaders of the militants that they will not be tortured, stated the head of the Officer Corps center for the exchange of prisoners Volodymyr Ruban.

According to him, the number of prisoners is being specified; currently it is more than two dozen.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321090/agreement\\_reached\\_for\\_cyborgs\\_not\\_to\\_be\\_tortured\\_senior\\_officers\\_may\\_be\\_taken\\_to\\_russia](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321090/agreement_reached_for_cyborgs_not_to_be_tortured_senior_officers_may_be_taken_to_russia)

## **NSDC Secretary Turchynov: The enemy is preparing intensive offensives, 22.01.2015**

"The new terminal has been almost destroyed, but our Army fortified positions near the Pisky village (in the vicinity of the airport - ed.) and stroke the enemy several times," the NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov announced summarizing his visit to the conflict zone.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/photo\\_news/321114/nsdc\\_secretary\\_turchynov\\_the\\_enemy\\_is\\_preparing\\_intensive\\_offensives\\_photovideo](http://en.censor.net.ua/photo_news/321114/nsdc_secretary_turchynov_the_enemy_is_preparing_intensive_offensives_photovideo)

## **"80 Ukrainian soldiers suffered uncontrollable muscle spasms, vomiting, and difficult breathing. This might have been poisoning," OSCE reports citing one of the 'Cyborgs', 22.01.2015**

Many 'Cyborgs' from the Donetsk airport had symptoms similar to those that arise as a result of gas attacks. "A Ukrainian soldier in a hospital in government-controlled Kostiantynivka (56 km north of Donetsk) told the SMM that he was being treated for injuries sustained at the Donetsk airport on Jan. 19," the statement reads. "He said 80 Ukrainian soldiers in total had suffered the same injuries, manifested in uncontrollable muscle spasms, vomiting and difficult breathing. Some, he said, had become unconscious," the OSCE observers state.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321053/80\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_suffered\\_uncontrollable\\_muscle\\_spasms\\_vomiting\\_and\\_difficult\\_breathing\\_this\\_might](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321053/80_ukrainian_soldiers_suffered_uncontrollable_muscle_spasms_vomiting_and_difficult_breathing_this_might)

### **Terrorists attempt an offensive. The most difficult situation is near Debaltseve. Tank-on-tank engagement occurred near Krymske, 22.01.2015**

Terrorists became more active at several directions starting Thursday morning. According to the press service, the most difficult situation is near Debaltseve, the Donetsk region.

"The enemy has been conducting intensive shelling of the ATO forces' positions. Our soldiers are carrying out counter-battery fire. Illegal armed gangs are also attempting an offensive, but each time are being repulsed by the Ukrainian defenders," the command staff stressed.

The fighting in the Donetsk airport and in its vicinity continues. In the morning Thursday, the enemy shelled the positions of the Ukrainian army near Tonenke with Grads for five times. Avdiivka and Marinka were also shelled with mortars. Failed attack attempts were noted near Verkhniotoretske.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321118/terrorists\\_attempt\\_an\\_offensive\\_the\\_most\\_difficult\\_situation\\_is\\_near\\_debaltseve\\_tankontank\\_engagement](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321118/terrorists_attempt_an_offensive_the_most_difficult_situation_is_near_debaltseve_tankontank_engagement)

### **Active hostilities underway near Bakhmutka road, 22.01.2015**

High intensity battles with heavy artillery, tanks, Grads, and mortars are underway near Bakhmutka road. According to the report, the villages located along the road, Krymske and Novotoshkivka primarily, have suffered most. "The shootouts continued all night long in Krymske. The village was attacked from artillery and Grads in the morning. Gas pipeline was damaged; power transmission towers were ruined; there were direct hits to the houses. A huge glow was spotted on the outskirts of the village near the school - obviously the shell hit the gas-burning boiler house. About 90% of the population abandoned Krymske, fleeing from the war. There were no reports on casualties among the remaining locals. There is currently no power, gas, and central water supply in the village," Moskal said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321060/active\\_hostilities\\_underway\\_near\\_bakhmutka\\_road](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321060/active_hostilities_underway_near_bakhmutka_road)

### **Hundreds of people donate blood for wounded Donetsk airport defenders in Dnipropetrovsk, 23.01.2015**

Hundreds of Dnipropetrovsk residents stand in lines to blood donor centers, wishing to help treat wounded soldiers who defended the Donetsk airport.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/photo\\_news/321243/hundreds\\_of\\_people\\_donate\\_blood\\_for\\_wounded\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_defenders\\_in\\_dnipropetrovsk\\_photos](http://en.censor.net.ua/photo_news/321243/hundreds_of_people_donate_blood_for_wounded_donetsk_airport_defenders_in_dnipropetrovsk_photos)

### **'New collection' in the 'military shops': Makiivka terrorists 'purchased' Smerch multiple rocket launcher, 23.01.2015**

Smerch multiple launch rocket system appeared in service with the Russia-backed militants in Makiivka. It takes three minutes to bring this equipment into firing position. It has a crew of three people and the firing range of 20 to 120 kilometers.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/video\\_news/321211/new\\_collection\\_in\\_the\\_military\\_shops\\_makiivka\\_terrorists\\_purchased\\_smerch\\_multiple\\_rocket\\_launcher\\_video](http://en.censor.net.ua/video_news/321211/new_collection_in_the_military_shops_makiivka_terrorists_purchased_smerch_multiple_rocket_launcher_video)

### **Bus stop in Donetsk was most likely shelled from mortar or artillery piece – OSCE, 23.01.2015**

A mortar or an artillery piece were most likely used for shelling the bus stop in Donetsk Thursday morning. The spot report by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) "The SMM observed two craters. One of them, 8 m north-east of the bus, had a depth of 5 cm and a diameter of 1.5 m. The other, 150 m south-east of the bus, had a depth of 15 cm and a diameter of 1.8 m. At 11:00 hrs the SMM conducted crater analysis on both craters, and determined that the rounds that caused the two craters had been fired from a north-western direction. The SMM also determined that the weapon(s) used was most likely either a mortar or an artillery piece.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321190/bus\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_was\\_most\\_likely\\_shelled\\_from\\_mortar\\_or\\_artillery\\_piece\\_osce](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321190/bus_stop_in_donetsk_was_most_likely_shelled_from_mortar_or_artillery_piece_osce)

### **No undamaged buildings left in Pisky, soldiers firmly holding positions – journalist, 23.01.2015**

There are no unscathed houses left in Pisky village in the Donetsk region, but Ukrainian soldiers are firmly holding positions.

[http://censor.net.ua/photo\\_news/321126/tselyh\\_domov\\_v\\_peskah\\_ne\\_ostalos\\_no\\_nashi\\_voiny\\_tverdo\\_derjat\\_pozitsii\\_jurnalist\\_fotoreportaj](http://censor.net.ua/photo_news/321126/tselyh_domov_v_peskah_ne_ostalos_no_nashi_voiny_tverdo_derjat_pozitsii_jurnalist_fotoreportaj)

### **Terrorists confirmed serious casualties at fighting near Donetsk: 24 killed, 30 wounded over 24 hours, 23.01.2015**

"Today we have incurred the biggest losses of personnel of the 'DPR' troops. 24 people were killed, 30 wounded," the terrorist said, the so-called deputy defense minister of the 'DPR' Eduard Basurin said to Russian TV channels.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321239/terrorists\\_confirmed\\_serious\\_casualties\\_at\\_fighting\\_near\\_donetsk\\_24\\_killed\\_30\\_wounded\\_over\\_24\\_hours](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321239/terrorists_confirmed_serious_casualties_at_fighting_near_donetsk_24_killed_30_wounded_over_24_hours)

### **Amnesty International expresses outrage over "parade of prisoners" in Donetsk, 23.01.2015**

Amnesty International has expressed outrage over the Ukrainian Armed Forces prisoners' rights abuse by the "DPR" fighters in Donetsk. This is stated in a press release of the organization. According to Amnesty International, this action is a flagrant fact of human life disrespect and failure to meet elementary laws of war.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/amnesty-international-expresses-outrage-over-parade-of-prisoners-in-donetsk-1000\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/amnesty-international-expresses-outrage-over-parade-of-prisoners-in-donetsk-1000_.html)

### **NSDC Speaker: 3 Ukrainian soldiers killed, 50 wounded in Ukraine, 23.01.2015**

"The ATO area situation has been characterized by a severe military confrontation between the Russian-terrorist armed groups and ATO forces. The militants are trying to occupy strategically advantageous positions for future military operations. The RF continues to strengthen its military contingent in eastern Ukraine," NSDC Speaker Andriy Lysenko said. According to him, the militants have been firing Ukrainian military from all directions, using artillery, mortars, tanks and "M1964". Moreover, it was possible to release three Ukrainian soldiers from captivity and get eight dead bodies back.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/nsdc-speaker-3-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-50-wounded-in-ukraine-1005\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/nsdc-speaker-3-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-50-wounded-in-ukraine-1005_.html)

### **Pro-Russian rebels attack key port; Ukraine says at least 30 dead, 24.01.2015**

Pro-Russian rebels launched an offensive against the strategic port of Mariupol in eastern Ukraine on Saturday, prompting the European Union's foreign policy chief to warn of a further "grave deterioration" in EU-Russian relations.

Mariupol's city administration said the rebels had killed at least 30 people and injured 83 others by firing rockets from long-range GRAD missile systems.

The city of 500,000, on the Sea of Azov, is vital for eastern Ukraine's steel and grain exports and straddles the coastal route from the Russian border to Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula in southern Ukraine seized by Russia last March.

President Petro Poroshenko, pledging to protect Ukrainian territory, said he would convene an emergency meeting of his country's security council on Sunday.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/24/us-ukraine-crisis-casualties-idUSKBN0KX08B20150124>

### **Rockets kill 30 in Ukrainian city as rebels launch offensive, 25.01.2015**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Indiscriminate rocket fire slammed into a market, schools, homes and shops Saturday in Ukraine's southeastern city of Mariupol, killing at least 30 people, authorities said. The Ukrainian president called the blitz a terrorist attack and NATO and the U.S. demanded that Russia stop supporting the rebels.

<http://www.newstimes.com/news/world/article/10-reported-killed-in-rocket-fire-on-Mariupol-in-6037205.php>

### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement on Jan. 24 terrorist bombing of Mariupol, 24.01.2015**

On Jan. 24, Russian-backed terrorists committed another heinous crime against humanity. As a result of the shelling of residential areas in Mariupol, in eastern Ukraine, more than 20 civilians have been killed and more than 80 wounded. According to preliminary information, the bombardment was carried out using multiple "Grad" rocket launchers from inside terrorist-controlled territory.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-statement-on-jan-24-terrorist-bombing-of-mariupol-378314.html>

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine-abroad/new-york-times-27-are-killed-by-rockets-in-ukraine-378315.html>



### **Ukraine Today: Death toll in Ukrainian city of Mariupol rises; about 30 killed, 100 injured in insurgents' shelling, 25.01.2015**

The death toll from the shelling attack which struck the government-controlled city of Mariupol in east Ukraine on Saturday morning has risen to at least 30, including two children.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/multimedia/video-2/Ukraine-today-death-toll-in-ukrainian-city-of-mariupol-rises-about-30-killed-100-injured-in-insurgents-shelling-video-378367.html>

### **General Staff: 184 Ukrainian soldiers held prisoner by militants, 26.01.2015**

Russian-backed insurgents are holding 184 Ukrainian servicemen prisoner, Acting Speaker of the General Staff of Ukraine Vladyslav Selezniiov said at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036284-general-staff-184-ukrainian-soldiers-held-prisoner-by-militants.html>

### **Seven Ukrainian soldiers killed, 24 wounded in Donbas conflict zone in last day, 26.01.2015**

Seven Ukrainian soldiers were killed and another 24 were wounded in the Donbas conflict zone over the last 24 hours, General Staff of Ukraine Acting Speaker Vladyslav Selezniiov said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036281-seven-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-24-wounded-in-donbas-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Damage from militant attack on Mariupol estimated at UAH 100 mln, 26.01.2015**

The rocket attack on Mariupol on Saturday, as well as taking the lives of 30 people and injuring over 100, caused around UAH 100 million in damage to the city, City Administration Chairman Oleksandr Kikhtenko has said, Ukrainian news broadcaster Channel 5 reported.

Repair work is being carried out in the city to tackle damage from fires caused by the attack, and assistance is being provided to victims, Kikhtenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036227-damage-from-militant-attack-on-mariupol-estimated-at-uah-100-million.html>

### **105 wounded in Mariupol shelling, 12 in serious condition, 26.01.2015**

The number of people confirmed wounded in the rocket attack on Mariupol on Saturday has risen to 105 people, 12 of whom are in serious condition, Interior Minister Arsen Avakov wrote on his Facebook page on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036307-105-wounded-in-mariupol-shelling-12-in-serious-condition.html>

### **SBU: Shelling in Mariupol orchestrated by Russian officer called "Ashes", 26.01.2015**

Multiple rocket launchers have been hidden in the village of Markino, Donetsk oblast', which had been brought to Russia after the accident.

The shelling of Mariupol has been carried out by the Russian artillery battery commanded by an officer with the call sign "Ashes", reported the SBU head Valentyn Nalyvaychenko.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/sbu-shelling-in-mariupol-orchestrated-by-russian-officer-called-ashes-1021\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/sbu-shelling-in-mariupol-orchestrated-by-russian-officer-called-ashes-1021_.html)

### **Militants shell border guards with Grad rockets 8 times in last day, 26.01.2015**

Over the last day Russian-backed militants in Ukraine's Donbas conflict zone have launched eight Grad rocket attacks on Ukrainian State Border Service units and positions, the State Border Service reported on Monday.

The service said that despite constant attacks from mortars and artillery, border guards together with units of the Armed Forces and the National Guard of Ukraine are continuing to carry out their tasks along the demarcation line between the ATO forces and Russian-backed militants.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036232-militants-shell-border-guards-with-grad-rockets-8-times-in-last-day.html>

### **Captured spotter says Mariupol shelled by Russian military, 26.01.2015**

A Ukrainian citizen who acted as a spotter for the militant rocket attack on Mariupol on Saturday says that the rockets were fired by a Russian unit, Ukraine's SBU state security service said on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036410-captured-spotter-says-mariupol-shelled-by-russian-military.html>

### **Ukraine loses half of its military aircrafts in one year of Donbas war, 27.01.2015**

According to the statistics, every third aircraft destroyed in the world last year was Ukrainian. Ukraine has lost almost half of its Air Force since the beginning of the Russian military aggression. This was reported by the Polish edition of Rzeczpospolita, referring to the annual report World Air Forces, published by Flightglobal, a British publication dedicated to the aerospace industry. According to the report, Ukraine had 400 aircrafts last year, while now their number is only 222.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/Ukraine-loses-half-of-its-military-aircrafts-in-one-year-of-donbas-war-1025\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/Ukraine-loses-half-of-its-military-aircrafts-in-one-year-of-donbas-war-1025_.html)

### **Nine Ukrainian soldiers killed, 29 wounded in Donbas conflict zone in last day, 27.01.2015**

Nine Ukrainian soldiers were killed and another 29 were wounded in the Donbas conflict zone over the last 24 hours, General Staff of Ukraine Acting Speaker Vladyslav Selezniiov said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036708-nine-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-29-wounded-in-donbas-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **Twelfth Russian 'aid convoy' heading for Donbas, 27.01.2015**

Another convoy of trucks that Moscow says is carrying aid for the people of southeastern Ukraine set off from Noginsk towards Rostov region in Russia on January 27, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry told journalists on Tuesday, according to Russian RIA Novosti.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036697-twelfth-russian-aid-convoy-heading-for-donbas.html>

### **Fighting rages near Debaltseve and Stanitsa Luhanska overnight, 27.01.2015**

Fierce fighting between Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed militants raged overnight near the key Ukrainian position of Debaltseve, government Anti-Terrorist Operation press officer Leonid Matyukhin said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036663-fighting-rages-near-debaltseve-and-stanitsa-luhanska-overnight.html>

### **Tymchuk: Militants concentrate about 22 tanks and nearly 2,000 troops near Horlivka, 27.01.2015**

Russian-backed militants in the Donbas have concentrated a strike task group consisting of 2,000 troops near Horlivka, Information Resistance group head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on FB.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1036761-tymchuk-militants-concentrate-about-22-tanks-and-nearly-2000-troops-near-horlivka.html>

### **Special operation of Ukrainian Army destroys terrorists' aviation, 27.01.2015**

The terrorists continue to suffer substantial losses in manpower and equipment. In the course of armed hostilities, all attempts of the terrorists to attack the Ukrainian military near Nikishyne, Ridkodub, Novoivanivka, Novohryhorivka, Popasna direction and in Vodiane, Opytne, Mariinka and Maiorsk have been repulsed. The terrorists suffered heavy losses in manpower and equipment," the statement reads.

<http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321813/special-operation-of-ukrainian-army-destroys-terrorists-aviation>

### **Three Ukrainian soldiers killed over the past 24 hours, 15 wounded, 28.01.2015**

Over the past 24 hours, 3 Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 15 wounded in the area of hostilities in the Donbas, General Staff acting speaker Vladyslav Selezniiov said.

<http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321964/three-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-over-the-past-24-hours-15-wounded>

### **Terrorists fired at Ukrainian army positions 126 times. Two military clashes occurred during the night, 28.01.2015**

The terrorists continue to fire at the positions of the Ukrainian military and peaceful towns using different types of weapons.

"After 6 p.m. last night the bandits continued to fire at the positions of our military and peaceful towns using different types of weapons. In Luhansk direction they used mortars and artillery for repeated shelling of Shchastia, Stanytsia Luhanska, Vilkhove, Sokilnyky, Triokhizbenka, Krymske, and Makarovo.

<http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321962/terrorists-fired-at-ukrainian-army-positions-126-times-two-military-clashes-occurred-during-the-night>

## **2,500 militants and Russian soldiers fighting in the vicinity of Debaltseve bridgehead, 28.01.2015**

Over the recent days the Russian-terrorist troops continued to accumulate forces and resources in the area of the Debaltseve bridgehead.

According to the group's data, at the moment five battalion tactical groups (BTG) of the enemy (at least one of them includes Russian airborne troops) and three composite artillery groups are fighting in different parts of the bridgehead. In addition, there are numerous small formations of the terrorists in the area, which are armed with individual samples of heavy infantry weapons.

"The total number of the Russian-terrorist troops engaged in fighting for Debaltseve foothold is about 2,500 people, up to 35 tanks, about 50 armored combat vehicles, 50 cannon artillery units (including SP guns), as well as at least 22 MLRS units.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321949/2500\\_militants\\_and\\_russian\\_soldiers\\_fighting\\_in\\_the\\_vicinity\\_of\\_debaltseve\\_bridgehead](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/321949/2500_militants_and_russian_soldiers_fighting_in_the_vicinity_of_debaltseve_bridgehead)

## **NSDC warns about possible escalation of conflict in Donbas. Weapons and ammunition continue coming from Russia, 28.01.2015**

The ATO headquarters does not rule out another escalation of the armed conflict in the area of the anti-terrorist operations.

The possibility of another escalation of the armed confrontation is indicated by the arrival of weapons, ammunition, fuel and lubricants from the Russian Federation, as well as another so-called 'humanitarian' convoy that is already en-route for the Donbas," Lysenko said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/322030/nsdc\\_warns\\_about\\_possible\\_escalation\\_of\\_conflict\\_in\\_donbas\\_weapons\\_and\\_ammunition\\_continue\\_coming\\_from](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/322030/nsdc_warns_about_possible_escalation_of_conflict_in_donbas_weapons_and_ammunition_continue_coming_from)

## **More than 600 Ukrainians are still being held captive by Russian-backed militant groups in the east of Ukraine, 28.01.2015**

"More than 600 Ukrainian citizens are being held prisoner by Russian-backed militants, and these include Ukrainian soldiers," he said.

As UNIAN reported earlier, according to the General Staff of Ukraine, as of January 26, Russian-backed insurgents were holding 184 Ukrainian servicemen prisoner.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1037387-more-than-600-ukrainians-still-held-captive-by-militants.html>

## **General Staff: Ukrainian soldiers move 1.5 km back from Donetsk airport, 29.01.2015**

The Ukrainian armed forces have moved back 1.5 kilometers from Donetsk airport Chief of the General Staff and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Viktor Muzhenko said on Thursday, according to Ukrainian television's 112 Ukraine channel.

"Ukrainian soldiers managed to stabilize the situation near the villages of Olenivka and Pisky, Avdiivka and Donetsk airport, and to take a number of vantage points that give the opportunity to control the territory of the Donetsk airport," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1037884-general-staff-ukrainian-soldiers-move-15-km-back-from-donetsk-airport.html>

## **NSDC: 5 Ukrainian soldiers killed, 29 wounded in the Donbas, 29.01.2015**

Fighting is not interrupting in the Donbas

5 Ukrainian soldiers killed, 29 wounded in the Donbas for the previous day.

"The illegal armed groups are intensively firing ATO forces' positions across the dividing line and conduct reconnaissance with the purpose to pull out Ukrainian Armed Forces," – announced the ATO Speaker Andrey Lysenko.

<http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/nsdc-5-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-29-wounded-in-the-donbas-1059.html>

## **Militants fire artillery in Donetsk overnight: three civilians killed, ten injured, 29.01.2015**

Over a tense night in Donetsk the Kuibyshevskiy and Petrovskiy districts of the city were shelled by Russian-backed militants, Donetsk City Administration reported on its Web site on Thursday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1037762-militants-fire-artillery-donetsk-overnight-three-civilians-killed-ten-injured.html>

### **Yatseniuk: Ukrainian soldiers to get extra UAH 1,000 per day in combat, 30.01.2015**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has decided to make an extra payment of UAH 1,000 for each combat day to every Ukrainian soldier who is taking part in the Anti-Terrorist Operation, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk told students of the Military Institute of Telecommunications and Information on Thursday, according to an UNIAN correspondent.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1038193-yatseniuk-ukrainian-soldiers-to-get-extra-uah-1000-per-day-in-combat.html>

### **Militants seize Uglegorsk with tank attacks on Ukrainian forces, 30.01.2015**

Uglegorsk is already under the control of Russian-backed militants, but Ukrainian forces still hold some strong positions in the town, Donbas Battalion commander Semen Semenchenko reported on his page on Facebook on Friday.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1038278-militants-seize-uglegorsk-with-tank-attacks-on-ukrainian-forces.html>

### **100 militants and 15 AFVs destroyed by ATO forces in Ukraine, 30.01.2015**

Militants have concentrated eight MRLs and 12 artillery guns in the area of Debal'tsevo

Militants have suffered significant losses in the area of Debal'tsevo

The militants from the so-called "Ghost" unit have arrived to Alchevsk for resupply of weapons and equipment after suffering serious losses north of Debal'tsevo.

According to the coordinator of the "Information Resistance" group and MP Dmytro Tymchuk, militants' units have lost 15 AFVs and tanks, as well as more than 100 fighters.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/100-militants-and-15-afvs-destroyed-by-ato-forces-1063\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/100-militants-and-15-afvs-destroyed-by-ato-forces-1063_.html)

### **Militants fire on houses in Debaltseve, seven killed, 30.01.2015**

Seven people were killed on Friday when shells fired by Russian-backed militants hit houses in Debaltseve, Vyacheslav Abroskin, the head of the Interior Ministry's Donetsk branch, has reported on Facebook.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1038445-militants-fire-on-residential-areas-in-debaltseve-seven-killed.html>

### **Seven dead civilians found under rubble in Debaltseve - Ukraine's NSDC, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. Seven dead civilians were removed from the ruins in Debaltseve, 75 kilometers east of Donetsk, on Friday.

"Seven dead civilians were taken out from the ruins today. Because of constant attacks by terrorists it's impossible to carry out rescue work today," NSDC statement said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seven\\_dead\\_civilians\\_found\\_under\\_rubble\\_in\\_debaltseve\\_ukraines\\_nsd\\_328650](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seven_dead_civilians_found_under_rubble_in_debaltseve_ukraines_nsd_328650)

### **Nine civilians killed, 20 injured in Donetsk within 24 hour period, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. Nine civilians were killed, 20 were injured as a result of artillery shelling in Donetsk in a 24 hour period on January 30. Information was reported by Donetsk city administration.

"Nine civilians were killed and 20 were injured," the statement said.

A trolleybus was shelled in Donetsk injuring a driver and passengers.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nine\\_civilians\\_killed\\_20\\_injured\\_in\\_donetsk\\_within\\_24\\_hour\\_period\\_328656](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nine_civilians_killed_20_injured_in_donetsk_within_24_hour_period_328656)

### **"LNR" and "DNR" leaders to return to Minsk for talks, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. Leaders of self-proclaimed "LNR" and "DNR" are ready return to Minsk, Belarus, for resuming talks.

The representative of "LNR" Vladislav Deyneho said he was ready to meet with any representatives from Kyiv whose powers are confirmed by documents, the report said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lnr\\_and\\_dnr\\_leaders\\_to\\_return\\_to\\_minsk\\_for\\_talks\\_328659](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lnr_and_dnr_leaders_to_return_to_minsk_for_talks_328659)

### **15 Ukrainian servicemen killed in Donbas in past 24 hours, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. "15 Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and another 33 have been wounded in the past 24 hours," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/15\\_ukrainian\\_servicemen\\_killed\\_in\\_donbas\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_328666](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/15_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_in_donbas_in_past_24_hours_328666)

### **Russian military enter "first echelon", Lysenko says, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. According to data provided by Ukrainian intelligence, relocation of new units of Russian Armed Forces continues in the Donbas conflict zone.

"Russian servicemen replace gunmen on the front lines," ATO spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_military\\_enter\\_first\\_echelon\\_lysenko\\_says\\_328665](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_military_enter_first_echelon_lysenko_says_328665)

### **OSCE: situation in Donbas deteriorates rapidly, 31.01.2015**

KYIV, January 31 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ivica Dacic, called on the parties to an armed conflict in the east of Ukraine for an immediate cessation of violence and the steady performance of the Minsk agreements, the OSCE official website has reported.

"My deepest condolences and sympathy go to the families who have lost loved ones and to those who have been injured. I call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and the full implementation of the Minsk Protocol of September 5, 2014 and the Memorandum of September 19, 2014," Dacic said.

He noted that in the course of the past 24 hours the situation has rapidly deteriorated in eastern Ukraine impacting innocent civilians. Lives have been lost and many have been injured. OSCE Chairman called on "all parties" to refrain from violence and massive use of weapons.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_situation\\_in\\_donbas\\_deteriorates\\_rapidly\\_328670](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_situation_in_donbas_deteriorates_rapidly_328670)

## **Pilot Savchenko**

### **Savchenko now 25 days into hunger strike, 08.01.2015**

Ukrainian pilot and Verkhovna Rada MP Nadia Savchenko, who is being detained in Russia, is continuing her hunger strike, one of her lawyers Nikolai Polozov said on Wednesday.

"Today is the 25th day of a hunger strike of MP, PACE delegate, prisoner of war, and political prisoner Nadia Savchenko," Polozov said.

"Why can't the defenders of the Russian world let the Christian Nadia Savchenko go home for Christmas? Why can't the Russian Orthodox Church stand up for the Christian Savchenko on the eve of the Orthodox Christmas?" Mark Feygin, Savchenko's lawyer, wrote on Twitter.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1029699-savchenko-now-25-days-into-hunger-strike.html>

### **Savchenko loses 10 kg in month-long hunger strike, 09.01.2015**

Ukrainian pilot Nadezhda Savchenko, who is at the moment in the Moscow pre-trial detention center, has lost 10 kilograms during her month-long hunger strike, her lawyer, Mark Feygin, said on Friday, according to Ukrainian news broadcaster TSN.

Savchenko, who says she was abducted from Ukraine, declared a hunger strike 28 days ago. Another lawyer of the Ukrainian pilot - Nikolai Polozov – has warned that each new day of Savchenko's hunger strike brings "us closer to the inevitable tragedy."

Russian investigators accuse the Ukrainian pilot of being responsible for the deaths of Russian journalists, which Savchenko categorically denies.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1030186-savchenko-loses-10-kg-in-month-long-hunger-strike.html>

### **PACE President urges release Savchenko immediately, 16.01.2015**

KYIV, January 16 /Ukrinform/. President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Anne Brasseur, who on January 15 arrived in Ukraine on official two-day visit, called for the immediate release from captivity of Ukrainian pilot and member of the Assembly Nadiya Savchenko and other prisoners of war.

"I call for the immediate release of all (POWs), and among these people I also mention pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who now is being imprisoned by the Russian authorities. Ms. Savchenko is now assigned to the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly. Moreover, there are many reasons for her release, including humanitarian one, as her health condition continues deteriorating as a result of her hunger strike," she said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pace\\_president\\_urges\\_release\\_savchenko\\_immediately\\_328302](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pace_president_urges_release_savchenko_immediately_328302)

### **Russian Duma Head Declines To Seek Savchenko's Release, 26.01.2015**

The speaker of Russia's lower house of parliament has rejected a request from the president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to help secure the release of Nadiya Savchenko, a Ukrainian military pilot who is jailed in Russia.

PACE President Anne Brasseur appealed to State Duma speaker Sergei Naryshkin last week to help free Savchenko, whose health is deteriorating more than a month into a hunger strike she has vowed to maintain until she is released or dies.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/duma-pace-naryshkin-savchenko-brasseur-guilt-innocence-court/26812636.html>

### **Media: PACE provides immunity for Savchenko, 26.01.2015**

The PACE Bureau, the main body of the institution, has made a decision to provide an immunity for Nadiya Savchenko, who is a member of the Ukrainian parliament.

"The majority of votes has been given to recognize the authorities of Nadiya Savchenko despite the fact that she is in prison and cannot come to Strasbourg for personal attendance at the meeting," – says the "Europeyska Pravda" referring to its source at the Bureau.

[http://mw.ua/WORLD/media-pace-provides-immunity-for-savchenko-1019\\_.html](http://mw.ua/WORLD/media-pace-provides-immunity-for-savchenko-1019_.html)

### **Savchenko approved as member of Ukrainian delegation to PACE, 26.01.2015**

Ukrainian pilot and Verkhovna Rada MP Nadia Savchenko, who is being detained in Russia, has been approved as a member of the delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin wrote on Twitter on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1036382-savchenko-approved-as-member-of-ukrainian-delegation-to-pace.html>

### **Media: Russia proposes to exchange lifting PACE sanctions for release of Savchenko, 27.01.2015**

The Russian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) during informal consultations in Strasbourg set conditions for the release of Ukrainian pilot and Verkhovna Rada MP Nadia Savchenko, according to an article by Russian writer Sergei Sidorenko entitled "Savchenko in exchange for sanctions - a new proposal of the Russian government."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1036653-media-russia-proposes-to-exchange-lifting-pace-sanctions-for-release-of-savchenko.html>

### **PACE resolution: Russia should release Savchenko within 24 hours, 29.01.2015**

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has adopted a resolution that contains a clause demanding the release of Ukrainian MP and member of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE Nadezhda Savchenko within 24 hours, and to transfer her to Ukraine or to a third party.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1037691-pace-resolution-russia-should-release-savchenko-within-24-hours.html>

## **National Minorities**

### **BBC: Crimean Tatars ask UN, Turkey and Ukraine for protection, 19.01.2015**

The Committee on the Rights of the Crimean Tatar people has appealed to the UN, Turkey and Ukraine to prevent violations of the rights of the indigenous population of Crimea, a Ukrainian territory annexed by Russia, the BBC's Ukrainian service reported on Sunday. According to the report, the committee has adopted an appeal at a conference held in Simferopol on Saturday, despite the attempts by pro-Russian activists to disrupt it. The delegates appealed to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, calling on him to "prevent the destruction of the Crimean Tatars."

In particular, the statement notes cases of the abduction of Crimean Tatars and violations of their rights.

"As a result of the annexation of the Crimea, the indigenous population - the Crimean Tatars - have been subjected to terror and physical violence," the report reads.

In addition, Ban was asked to protect the Crimean Tatars from having to serve in the Russian army.

The delegates also asked the Ukrainian authorities to initiate an international conference on security in Crimea under the auspices of the OSCE in April.

In addition, they asked the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry to explore the possibility of the Crimean Tatar people gaining the international status of a third party in Russian-Ukrainian relations, with their national self-government bodies, the Kurultai and Majlis, gaining the right to appeal to the international courts.

In addition, the resolution of the conference says that any government in Crimea can exist only with the consent and a clearly expressed will of the Crimean Tatar people.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1033368-bbc-crimean-tatars-ask-un-turkey-and-ukraine-for-protection.html>

### **Crimea human right activists being detained for 7 hours at the border, 23.01.2015**

QHA) - The coordinators of the committee on Crimean Tatar Rights Protection Eskender Bariyev, Sinaver Kadyrov and Abmedzhit Suleymanov were stopped at Crimean Ukrainian border Jan 23 night. They are being detained for 7 hours. The activists were heading to Kherson, and then to Turkey for treatment, as one of them—Sinaver Kadyrov—is ill, the two others accompanied him.

Kadyrov is now in the stuff room, being questioned, while the others are waiting in their car.

Commenting the incident, head of electoral commission of Kurultay Zair Smedlyayev, said that "this is nothing but another measures to frighten, another way of psychological pressure".

<http://qha.com.ua/crimea-human-right-activists-being-detained-for-7-hours-at-the-border-132993en.html>

### **FSB calls Zair Smedlyayev for questioning, 28.01.2015**

Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) has called Zair Smedlyayev—head of electoral commission of Kurultay—for questioning on the issue of May 3 events. The questioning to take place Feb 6, 2015.

At least 5 Crimean Tatars have already been arrested in Crimea over an alleged incident during the protest on May 3 when veteran Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Jemilev was prevented from entering Crimea.

<http://qha.com.ua/fsb-calls-zair-smedlyayev-for-questioning-133022en.html>

## **Mass Media**

## **National TV council soon to consider controversial New Year's broadcast on Inter, 02.01.2015**

The National Council for Radio and Television will at its next meeting consider what action to take over a controversial broadcast on TV New Year's Eve on the Inter television channel, a member of the council has said.

Writing on Facebook, Kateryna Kotenko said: "The National Council at its first meeting [of the year] will consider the broadcast on New Year's night. Write to complain about everything that you saw. Thank you."

The Inter broadcast, which featured Russian singing stars who have publically supported separatism in eastern Ukraine, was heavily criticized by several Ukrainian politicians. Performing were singer Iosif Kobzon, who has been declared persona non grata in Ukraine, along with singers Valeria, Oleg Gazmanov, Nikolay Baskov, and others. After the broadcasting of the show on Inter, National Security and Defense Council Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov said that the National Council on Television and Radio should immediately consider revoking the channel's license, and Minister of Information Policy Yuri Stets said he would table in parliament a bill under which Russian artists will not be allowed to be shown on Ukrainian TV channels.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1028512-national-tv-council-soon-to-consider-controversial-new-years-broadcast-on-inter.html>

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national\\_tv\\_council\\_to\\_consider\\_new\\_years\\_broadcast\\_on\\_inter\\_on\\_january\\_15\\_328096](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_tv_council_to_consider_new_years_broadcast_on_inter_on_january_15_328096)

## **Ukraine Worldwide**

### **Ukraine: Civilians Need Greater Protection, 06.01.2015**

Ukraine is in the throes of multiple crises and needs Germany's assistance. As one of Ukraine's most important allies, Germany has a special responsibility to make sure that the country's leadership is actively enforcing the obligation to respect the laws of war and protect civilians.

(Berlin) –German Chancellor Angela Merkel should press Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk to ensure that Ukrainian forces take all feasible precautions to minimize harm to civilians. Merkel and Yatseniuk are scheduled to meet in Berlin on January 8, 2015. Merkel should emphasize the need for Ukraine's Defense Ministry to issue clear and specific orders to troops fighting a Russian-backed insurgency in eastern Ukraine not to use certain explosive weapons in areas populated by civilians. Merkel should also press the Ukraine authorities to conduct further investigations into allegations that Ukrainian forces were responsible for attacks in the east that failed to distinguish between civilian and military objects, causing civilian casualties.

"Ukraine is in the throes of multiple crises and needs Germany's assistance," said Rachel Denber, deputy Europe and Central Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "As one of Ukraine's most important allies, Germany has a special responsibility to make sure that the country's leadership is actively enforcing the obligation to respect the laws of war and protect civilians."

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2015/01/06/ukraine-civilians-need-greater-protection>

### **Moscow Red Cross files suit against number of Ukrainian media, including Ukrinform, 14.01.2015**

KYIV, January 14 /Ukrinform/. Moscow branch of the Russian Red Cross Society requires recovering RUB 170 million from 18 Ukrainian and American media on the claim for defamation, reported on the Moscow branch of the Russian Red Cross Society website. According to the statement, the reason for the lawsuit became the media publications, which, according to the Moscow Red Cross representatives, altered the materials of the press conference of December 25 about the assistance of "humanitarian convoy" in Luhansk.



In addition, the Moscow branch of the Red Cross appealed to the prosecutor general of the Russian Federation and the Federal Supervision Agency for Information Technologies and Communications "with a request to restrict Internet access to the extremist resources of the indicated American and Ukrainian media".

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moscow\\_red\\_cross\\_files\\_suit\\_against\\_number\\_of\\_ukrainian\\_media\\_including\\_ukrinform\\_328230](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moscow_red_cross_files_suit_against_number_of_ukrainian_media_including_ukrinform_328230)

### **EP retains sanctions against Russia, further tightening possible, 15.01.2015**

KYIV, January 15 /Ukrinform/. The European Parliament has sent a strong political signal in support for Ukraine and called for the continuation and possible strengthening of sanctions against Russia.

This is stated in the resolution, adopted by the EU legislative body on situation in Ukraine on Thursday.

"The European Parliament expresses its full solidarity with the Ukrainian people, once again declaring its loyalty to the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and the European choice of Ukraine," reads the document.

MEPs believe that the EU should lend support to the Ukrainian authorities in order to strengthen defense capabilities and protect the external borders of Ukraine, including through the supply of non-lethal equipment.

MEPs strongly condemned Russia's "aggressive and expansionist policy" and "the acts of terrorism and criminal behaviour committed by the separatists and other irregular forces in Eastern Ukraine".

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ep\\_retains\\_sanctions\\_against\\_russia\\_further\\_tightening\\_possible\\_328267](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ep_retains_sanctions_against_russia_further_tightening_possible_328267)

### **UN Security Council to meet again to discuss Ukraine, 26.01.2015**

An extraordinary meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in Mariupol will be held on January 26, the representative of Ukraine at the UN Security Council Yuriy Serheiev said on Sunday, according to Ukrainian online newspaper Ukrainska Pravda.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036285-un-security-council-to-meet-again-to-discuss-ukraine.html>

### **NATO to discuss potential nuclear threat from Russia, 26.01.2015**

NATO defense ministers will meet in February to discuss the potential nuclear threat from Russia, German broadcaster Deutsche Welle reported on Sunday, with reference to German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036269-nato-to-discuss-potential-nuclear-threat-from-russia.html>

### **Media: US detains three Russians for espionage, including attaché of UN mission, 27.01.2015**

Three Russians have been charged with espionage in the United States, Russian radio station Ekho Moskvyy reported on Monday, with reference to Reuters.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1036755-media-us-detains-three-russians-for-espionage-including-attach-of-un-mission.html>