



## Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine July 2015

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### Introduction

The situation in the Donbas continues to teeter between peace and war. In the Donbas continuing firefight, sides accuse each other of violating the "regime of silence" and claim that only lead to fire back. At the same time a country shaken by corruption scandals. The situation is worsening in the Donbass, the parties accused each other in the shelling of settlements. According to OSCE, the cases of using the heavy weapons, the number of victims and survivors rise again. Were subjected to shelling villages Shirokino , Gorlovka , Sahanka , Peski, Marinka , Spartak , Airport Donetsk, Donetsk settlements, Lugansk village, town Rtutniy, Kurganka village , town Oktyabrsky in the Kuibyshev region of Donetsk and others.

Attention of the world's media was focused on the fact that Russia has resumed nuclear threats. Experts from different countries expressed their views on the matter. All give different arguments and look at the problem from the point of view of their own country, but there is what all agree - the Donbas war with the position of Russia will not be able to finish the Ming agreements. Experts say that a full-scale military invasion on the territory of Ukraine is not necessary for Russia. Now most beneficial for the aggressor is slow in the East conflict, which Russia will continue in all possible ways. In Washington and some European capitals there is a debate about arms shipments to the Ukrainian government, which is fighting with Russian and pro-Russian rebels.

About 7,000 people were killed in the war in eastern Ukraine.

British Prime Minister David Cameron urged the international community to consider alternative options for establishment special UN tribunal to investigate the MH17 case. Russia vetoed the resolution on the establishment of the tribunal by the collapse of Boeing in the Donbass. NATO continues to support Ukraine in the country's conflict with Russia.

## Prognosis

### **Poll: 42% of Russians ready to give up freedom of speech and travel to other countries for "decent wage", 07.07.2015**

According to the report, 49% of respondents didn't support the restriction of freedoms of speech and movement, while another 11% couldn't come up with an answer.

The results of the survey in June 2015 echo those received in 2013, when 43% of Russians supported the idea of possible restriction of freedoms, with 46% having opposed it. The vast majority of respondents, or 69%, said that they preferred to encounter authorities without the dire need. Only 23% of Russians are ready to achieve their goals by acting in accordance with the law. At the same time, the majority of respondents, or 60%, considered the government unaccountable to public, while 22% of respondents claimed the opposite. The main reason for this, according to 49% of respondents, is that officials do not allow citizens to make important decisions. A total of 18% of Russians believe in the probability of mass protests, and only 10% are ready to participate in them. These rates reached their highs in 1998 and 2009, when 20-30% of respondents confirmed their readiness to join the protests.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1097886-poll-42-of-russians-ready-to-give-up-freedom-of-speech-and-travel-to-other-countries-for-decent-wage.html>

### **A mere 8% of Ukrainian citizens support federalization – poll, 10.07.2015**

The findings of the recent poll haven't changed much since the previous one conducted in November 2014, when 10% of the pollees spoke out for the federalization of Ukraine.

At the same time, 35% of the polled support the development of a unitary state with the expansion of the regions' authority (32% in November 2014), while 19% would like to keep the current model, i.e. a unitary state with current powers, unchanged (24% in November 2014). The splitting of certain regions with their further accession to other states was supported by 2% (no changes since November 2014), while 1% (no changes) spoke out for the formation of several independent states in Ukrainian territory. The poll was conducted by the Razumkov sociological center from May 22 to May 27, 2015. 2,007 people aged from 18 were questioned, except in the annexed Crimea and in occupied territories in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1099102-a-mere-8-of-ukrainian-citizens-support-federalization-poll.html>

<http://ukrnews.today/a-mere-8-of-ukrainian-citizens-support-federalization-poll/>

### **Russia and IS terrorism top global fears survey, 20.07.2015**

43% of Americans and 44% of the Poles believe Russia is one of the biggest threats to their countries while in Ukraine, 62% of the respondents chose Vladimir Putin as more parlous than the country's struggling economy. Meanwhile, in Russia, the highest-ranking concern of any issue tested earlier is the economy, with 43% fearing that it jeopardizes their well-being. Publics in 19 of 40 nations believe that the climate change stands out as their nations' gravest threat.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1102630-russia-and-is-terrorism-top-global-fears-survey.html>

### **Poll: More than 50% of Russians believe no Russian troops in Donbas, 28.07.2015**

More than half of respondents, or 53%, support Russian volunteers who are fighting in the ranks of the militants in the east of Ukraine, while more than a quarter, or 27%, have a negative attitude toward them. Asked how they would react to if they found out that the Russian military personnel were fighting in the ranks of the militants in the east of Ukraine, a total of 9% of respondents had reported an "absolutely positive" attitude, 24% - "rather positive", 26% - "rather negative", and 14% - "very negative." That means that the ratio of those praising and criticising the involvement is 33% to 40%.

The number of those who are seriously afraid that the conflict enters a stage of a protracted civil war has decreased from 36% to 22% over the year. A total of 48% of respondents have "some concerns" about this. In July 2014, 26% of respondents were seriously afraid of war between Russia and Ukraine, and now their number is only 13%. The number of those who are afraid of a World War III decreased from 21% to 13%, while 30% of respondents have "some concerns."

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/c8h7AJYRHpFYkLpBCw6tjC>

### **Poll: Almost half of Russians support MH17 tribunal, 27.07.2015**

Asked about the establishment of an international tribunal, 14% of respondents said they in general supported this idea, 33% of respondents were "more positive than negative" about this idea, 14% were rather negative, 5% were very negative, while a very large percentage, or 34%, could not answer the question on the tribunal. At the same time, 22% of respondents believe that the court will found Ukrainian military guilty of the crash of the Malaysian Boeing, while 19% believe that Russia will be found guilty as it provides separatists with weapons and military. A total of 14% believe that the leadership of Ukraine is guilty, 9% claim that the militants are guilty, 3% of respondents suggested other theories, and 37% found it difficult to answer the question. The poll was conducted on June 17-20, 2015. A total of 800 people aged from 18 were questioned in 46 regions of Russia. The poll's margin of error is no more than 4.1%.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1105301-poll-almost-half-of-russians-support-mh17-tribunal.html>

### **Statements of officials**

#### **UKRAINE, CHINA SPEAK OUT FOR NEED TO REFORM UN SECURITY COUNCIL, 01.07.2015**

This was discussed at a meeting between First Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Natalia Galibarenko and Special Envoy of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for UN Security Council reform Gāo Yushēng. The sides also touched upon bilateral and multilateral cooperation, focusing on cooperation within the United Nations and other international organizations, the department said in a statement. "In view of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Organization this year, the sides agreed that there is the need for making its work more efficient, including through the reform of the UN Security Council," the statement reads. According to Galibarenko, one of the signs that the UN Security Council needs to be reformed is the fact that it has failed to take effective measures to end Russian aggression against Ukraine, and Russia blatantly abuses its right of veto as a permanent member.

<http://x-news.com.ua/ukraine-china-speak-out-for-need-to-reform-un-security-council-42320/>

#### **JOHN MCCAIN: THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CEASE-FIRE IS A FICTION, 01.07.2015**

It is time that the United States and our European allies recognize the failure of the Minsk agreement and respond with more than empty rhetoric.

Last weekend, I traveled with Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) to eastern Ukraine to meet with the courageous men and women fighting there for their country's freedom and future. I arrived on a solemn day as Ukrainian volunteers grieved the loss of two young comrades killed by Russian artillery the day before. They had lost another comrade a few days before that, and four more the previous week. Their message to me was clear: The cease-fire with Russia is fiction, and U.S. assistance is vital to deterring further Russian aggression. Along the front lines, separatist forces backed by Russia violate the cease-fire every day with heavy artillery barrages and tank attacks. Gunbattles are a daily routine, and communities at the front bear the brunt of constant sniper fire and nightly skirmishes.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/342166/john\\_mccain\\_the\\_russiaukraine\\_ceasefire\\_is\\_a\\_fiction](http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/342166/john_mccain_the_russiaukraine_ceasefire_is_a_fiction)

#### **NATO IMPRESSED BY UKRAINE MILITARY DEVELOPMENT — JAMES APPATHURAI, 01.07.2015**

Appathurai welcomes Ukraine's aspirations to implement NATO standards and mentions that such a move provides for better cooperation with the member states.

The NATO official also stresses that it's important for the EU countries to understand the threat of Russia influencing their political parties thus inflicting potential damage while the Kremlin's propaganda campaign is indeed another, very powerful, element of a hybrid war set to shift public opinion and foreign policy. According to Appathurai, being aware of such propaganda and telling people the truth is the most efficient way to counter its advance.

<http://x-news.com.ua/nato-impressed-by-ukraine-military-development-james-appathurai-42340/>

### **UN plans to provide aid to 500,000 Donbas residents, 01.07.2015**

"We are doing every little thing we could to provide meals help to as lots of people as feasible and also we are especially worried regarding children that are most in danger," stated WFP Head of Workplace in Ukraine Giancarlo Stopponi.

Besides the war-struck Donetsk and also Luhansk areas, the aid workout will certainly cover 3 even more locations – Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and also Zaporizhia, basending on the declaration. The UN approximates that there more than 1.3 million inside displaced individuals in Ukraine. The WFP counts on the assistance of its altruistic procedures by contributor states. "WFP quickly requires \$ 30.3 million to remain to provide help with December 2015," states journalism solution of the company.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/un-plans-to-provide-aid-to-500000-donbas-residents/>

### **Commanders: NATO Navies Should Beef Up Against Russia, 01.07.2015**

The 28-member defense alliance's naval forces have in recent years focused on issues such as counterterrorism and piracy, but speakers at a London conference said the group needed to prepare more to counter Russian military ambitions.

"Russian international maritime presence has grown significantly in recent years, specifically since the Ukraine crisis erupted in 2014," senior NATO commander Gen. Adrian Bradshaw told a conference in London on NATO's naval future.

"The Russian Federation is shadowing and presumably collecting intelligence from NATO nation naval units in the Baltic, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, using methods that can be considered bold and sometimes aggressive," he said.

<http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/2015/07/01/nato-navies-should-beef-up-against-russia-commanders-ukraine/29576209/>

### **Terrorists' "local elections" will dramatically undermine de-escalation process, - Poroshenko, 02.07.2015**

"Attempts to hold illegal elections on Oct. 18, which are not in line with the Ukrainian legislation and criteria of the OSCE, would be a tough attack of Russia at the Minsk agreements reached on Feb. 12, 2015. I am sure it would be extremely irresponsible and would have devastating consequences for the process of deescalation in some areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions," Poroshenko said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342349/terrorists\\_local\\_elections\\_will\\_dramatically\\_undermine\\_deescalation\\_process\\_poroshenko](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342349/terrorists_local_elections_will_dramatically_undermine_deescalation_process_poroshenko)

### **Terrorists in Donbas are led by five Russian generals, - Bloomberg, 02.07.2015**

The document, obtained by Bloomberg is a consensus product of the Security Service of Ukraine and dated June 16. It identifies five Russian generals and a Russian colonel as playing a senior leadership role inside Ukraine. The Kremlin has repeatedly denied that Russian military personnel are directing military operations inside the country. Top Ukrainian intelligence officials shared the document with White House, State Department and U.S. intelligence officials in Washington late last month. U.S. officials have confirmed receiving the document and told us that the information it contains generally conforms to U.S. intelligence assessments of Russian activity inside Ukraine. For more than a year, U.S. and NATO officials have accused Russia's special operations forces and its military intelligence agency of aiding separatists in Ukraine.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342364/terrorists\\_in\\_donbas\\_are\\_led\\_by\\_five\\_russian\\_generals\\_bloomberg](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342364/terrorists_in_donbas_are_led_by_five_russian_generals_bloomberg)

### **Poroshenko stresses need of imposing new sanctions against Russia, 03.07.2015**

The President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko stresses the need for coordination of actions by the international community in case of escalation of the situation in Donbas and disruption of the peace process, the presidential press service reported referring to the president's statement made during a meeting with a delegation from the U.S. Congress, which will take part in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Session in Helsinki (Finland).

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1096488-poroshenko-stresses-need-of-imposing-new-sanctions-against-russia.html>

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342401/russia\\_must\\_pay\\_fair\\_price\\_for\\_the\\_murder\\_of\\_ukrainians\\_and\\_occupation\\_of\\_ukraine\\_poroshenko](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342401/russia_must_pay_fair_price_for_the_murder_of_ukrainians_and_occupation_of_ukraine_poroshenko)

## **US condemns intention of separatists to hold "local elections" in Donbas, - Biden, 03.07.2015**

This was announced in a statement of the White House, published after conversation between U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden and Prime Minister of Ukraine Arsenii Yatseniuk. "The U.S. Vice President has condemned the statement of separatist leaders on intention to hold elections on Oct. 18 that will contradict the Minsk agreements and Ukraine's legislation," the document says. The parties discussed the situation in the east of Ukraine and "expressed deep regret over the civilian deaths as a result of the ongoing shelling of the city of Shyrokyne." The parties also welcomed the EU decision to extend sanctions against Russia till Jan. 31, 2016. In addition, Biden supported continuation of the process of constitutional reforms in Ukraine, which, according to him, "will become a tool of significant decentralization of power (in Ukraine - ed.) in accordance with the Minsk agreements."

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342391/us\\_condemns\\_intention\\_of\\_separatists\\_to\\_hold\\_local\\_elections\\_in\\_donbas\\_biden](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342391/us_condemns_intention_of_separatists_to_hold_local_elections_in_donbas_biden)

## **UKRAINE CAN DEFEAT THE SEPARATISTS, 03.07.2015**

If Ukrainian army continues to train hard, and build combat power, there is a possible outcome here that no one spoke of earlier: Ukraine can defeat the separatists.

For those following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an ongoing source of concern is where Russia will draw the line. Common wisdom says if Ukraine continues to resist, Russia will commit more forces and overrun Ukraine-possibly continuing its momentum into Estonia or Poland. As members of NATO, an attack on either of those two countries risks invoking Article V, NATO's common-defense clause, thus drawing Europe and America into war with Russia, inexorably leading to World War III and nuclear exchange. By Adrian Bonenberger.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/342441/ukraine\\_can\\_defeat\\_the\\_separatists](http://en.censor.net.ua/resonance/342441/ukraine_can_defeat_the_separatists)

## **Russia is going to use force against Georgia and Moldova, - the NATO Secretary General, 04.07.2015**

According to him, NATO strengthened military presence on eastern frontiers of alliance, having organized some kind of small headquarters - apartments in the Baltic States, in Bulgaria, Poland and Romania». We will remind, in the middle of June there was information that for control of probable aggression of the Russian Federation in Europe of the USA suggested to send to some Baltic States and Eastern Europe tanks, infantry fighting vehicles and other heavy machinery, and also to five thousand soldiers.

Then, on June 22 the USA declared intention to provide special troops for forces of fast reaction of NATO, intelligence information and high-quality military technologies on purpose not to allow possible aggressive actions of Russia. And the head of the joint committee of chiefs of headquarters of the USA general Martin Dempsey declared that the United States in case of a situation aggravation in Eastern Europe are ready to throw additional military forces, there besides what already there are present.

<https://news.pn/en/RussiaInvadedUkraine/137357>

## **Vladimir Putin's Independence Day greeting calls for US-Russia dialogue, 05.07.2015**

Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated President Barack Obama on Independence Day on Saturday, and expressed confidence that Russia and the US could work together to find solutions to international problems. The Kremlin said Putin noted in a telegram to Obama that despite the differences between the two countries, their relations remain important for global stability and security. Also on Saturday, the leading Democratic contender to replace Obama in the White House, Hillary Clinton, said the US had to be "much smarter" about how it deals with Putin. "I've dealt with him," the former secretary of state said. "I know him. He's not an easy man." Tensions remain high over Russian influence and involvement in Ukraine, where fighting between government forces and pro-Russia rebels continues despite a ceasefire. A truce was signed in February. Last year, Russia annexed Crimea after similar fighting.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/04/vladimir-putin-independence-day-obama-calls-us-russia-dialogue>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1097061-hillary-clinton-calls-us-to-be-much-smarter-in-dealing-with-putin.html>

### **Schulz: Ukraine's EU membership bid too early to be discussed, 06.07.2015**

"Currently, we are facing other problems. Even your questions indicate that the first priority is to ensure the country's political, economic, and social stability. Having stabilized Ukraine, we will have a chance to stabilize the whole region," said Schulz when commenting on Ukrainian President's statement regarding Ukraine's fulfillment of admission requirements for EU membership in a five-six years' term. "I would be glad if it were possible to solve this main problem now, and then we would have started the discussion about the future of Ukraine," according to Schulz. "Yes, I understand Petro Poroshenko. But I'd rather not focus on further issues, but on the existing problems," said the European Parliament President. However, he noted that the European perspective for Ukraine does exist.

<http://ukrnews.today/schulz-ukraines-eu-membership-bid-too-early-to-be-discussed/>

### **Bulgaria will never recognize annexation of Crimea and 'referendums' in Donbas, 07.07.2015**

"Bulgaria supports the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine. The Russian annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol violates international law, the Constitution of Ukraine and the Budapest Memorandum of 1994," he Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev said in Kyiv. "In addition, Bulgaria will never recognize the results of the 'referendums', illegally organized by militants in Donetsk and Luhansk," Plevneliev said. "For us, Crimea is Ukraine, and Ukraine is Europe," he said. "We strongly support the European prospects of Ukraine. We want visas abolished as soon as possible, even tomorrow," he stressed.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1097932-bulgaria-will-never-recognize-annexation-of-crimea-and-referendums-in-donbas.html>

### **OSCE envoy in Trilateral Contact Group expects "concrete actions" in Minsk in two weeks, 08.07.2015**

Martin Sajdik, the OSCE Unique Envoy in the Trilateral Contact Group for the negotiation of the Donbas dispute, declares that the Group will certainly have the ability to concur in two weeks on the drawback of tools of smaller sized quality from the contact line in the Anti-Terrorist Procedure (ATO) area in eastern Ukraine.

"The safety and security subgroup discussed problems of Shyrokyne << ... > and also the drawback of tools whose quality is smaller sized compared to ONE HUNDRED mm," Sajdik stated. Baseding on him, the talks carried out by the safety and security subgroup "were truly extremely extensive."

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/osce-envoy-in-trilateral-contact-group-hopes-for-concrete-steps-in-minsk-in-two-weeks/>

### **PA OSCE: Russia must release the illegally detained citizens of Ukraine, 08.07.2015**

As VOA relevant decision adopted at the OSCE PA session in Helsinki on 7 July.

The resolution states that the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly "strongly condemns the kidnapping of Ukrainian citizens on the territory of Ukraine, including a member of parliament Nadi Savchenko, filmmaker Oleg Sentsov and others of their illegal movement across the Ukrainian-Russian state border and further detention in the Russian Federation ". Members of the Committee on Human Rights of the OSCE and on democracy, expressed" regret that, keeping in prison Nadia Savchenko, Russia continues to ignore its legal obligations 'Commitments under the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe "(Savchenko from January 2015 a member of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE). The parliamentarians from OSCE member states stressed" the unacceptability of attempts to disrupt the new criminal case against Savchenko and Nadi other Ukrainian citizens illegally detained in the Russian Federation ".

<http://ukrainiancrisis.net/news/12022>

### **Pentagon not refuses granting weapons to Ukraine, 08.07.2015**

US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter does not rule out the possibility to grant weapons to Ukraine. He said this during a hearing in the Senate Committee on Armed Services. "We are considering this issue, but we have not taken such decision yet," Carter said, answering the question whether the US administration plans to deliver lethal weapons to Ukraine.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/gbGG9l9KxN3leB23m49kKl>

### **CE: Special status of Donbas must be enshrined in Constitution, 09.07.2015**

Asked about whether the statements of the self-proclaimed DPR and LPR leaders on their intention to hold local elections in autumn 2015 violated the Minsk agreements, Jagland said that "the Council of Europe is not a participant of the Minsk process, so we do not have the authority to discuss its conditions. But, according to the Minsk agreements, local elections should be held according to the Ukrainian legislation."

Jagland said that the Council of Europe could only advise Ukraine to amend the Constitution in order to implement the agreements reached at the second meeting in Minsk. "In particular, the issue about a special status of Donbas. In order to fully implement the Minsk agreements, it is necessary to mention it in the Constitution. After that, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will be able to adopt special legislation that would provide the special status of Donbas," Jagland said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1098741-ce-special-status-of-donbas-must-be-enshrined-in-constitution.html>

### **UN to assist with maintaining ATO zone entry regime, 09.07.2015**

Country director at UNDP (Ukraine) Jan Thomas Hiemstra and Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation to Ukraine Berend De Groot stated that their program was designed to help immigrants and provide them with psychological support. A lot of effort is made in assisting with clearing the mined areas. "The meeting addressed the issues related to entry permit regime. UNDP representatives assured that they would assist in tackling this issue efficiently and would address the International Organization for Migration to that end," the press service of the Donetsk Regional State Administration reported.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1098714-un-to-assist-with-maintaining-ato-zone-entry-regime.html>

### **Poroshenko says masterminds behind Euromaidan crimes hiding in Moscow, 09.07.2015**

Poroshenko says there is no statute of limitations on the crimes committed during Euromaidan events : "Of course, I as president, as a person who lived through the Maidan from the very first minute to the last one, until our victory, am also unhappy with the pace of an investigation into the crimes committed on the Maidan [Kyiv's Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square]," the president said during an official ceremony of unveiling a fresco of Euromaidan activist Serhiy Nigoyan in Kyiv's Heavenly Hundred Square at 24-26 Mykhailivska Street. "And despite the fact that the cases against those who committed the crimes are already in court, the first cases opened against the masterminds thanks to the possibility of a trial in absentia have been brought to court and the first processes have already begun, the masterminds themselves are unfortunately hiding in Moscow, which has become a real haven for such scoundrels," he said. There is no statute of limitations on these crimes, Poroshenko added.

<http://ukrnews.today/poroshenko-says-masterminds-behind-euromaidan-crimes-hiding-in-moscow/>

### **Minsk hopes for dynamics in negotiations on conflict in Ukraine, 09.07.2015**

Belarus is hoping for dynamics in the negotiation process on the settlement of the conflict in Ukraine, Belarusian Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei said . "As to the work of the Trilateral Contact Group, which comprises OSCE officials, the process continues and some headway has been made, no matter what," Makei said. The minister said the sides are gradually reaching agreements on heavy weapons withdrawal and on the fulfillment of the agreements reached within the framework of the Normandy format in February 2015. "We are hoping that there will be dynamics in this process," he said. "From our viewpoint, achieving peace requires the interest of all parties and the readiness for dialogue of all partners involved in this conflict," Makei said. The minister also said that Belarus is ready not only to host the negotiations on the settlement of the conflict in Ukraine, but also fulfill the functions of a secretariat. "We are ready not only to provide a venue, but also, if need be, to fulfill the functions of a secretariat, which some partners are asking us to do. We are ready to provide any other assistance to ensure that peace and accord are achieved in Ukraine as soon as possible," Makei said.

<http://ukrnews.today/minsk-hopes-for-dynamics-in-negotiations-on-conflict-in-ukraine/>

### **Lavrov: The issue is closed Crimea, 09.08.2015**

He said this at a briefing during the BRICS and the SCO summit on Thursday. According to him, one of the partners of Russia in these organizations “do not declare their recognition of the referendum results, which became the basis for return Crimea to Russia “. ” The documents that you will see in just a few hours, the leaders of BRICS and the SCO reinforce our common position on the full and faithful implementation of agreements Minsk, “- said Lavrov. “The question of the Crimea, I think everyone understands, is closed. It closed the people of Crimea and decisions adopted Russian Federation”, - said the head of the Russian Foreign Ministry. As you know, during the adoption of General Assembly UN resolution on maintaining the integrity of Ukraine and conviction of illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia BRICS members Brazil, China, India and South Africa abstained.

<http://ukrainiancrisis.net/news/12051>

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343149/crimea\\_issue\\_is\\_dealt\\_with\\_russias\\_foreign\\_minister\\_says](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343149/crimea_issue_is_dealt_with_russias_foreign_minister_says)

### **Crimean Tatar leader calls on Turkey to join sanctions against Russia over Crimea, 09.07.2015**

Dzhemilev told the Turkish news agency that the nuclear weapons that had been delivered to Crimea would in the first turn be directed towards Turkey. The Crimean Tatar leader urged Turkey to more actively fight for the end of the annexation of Crimea.

"We would like Turkey to follow the EU countries' example and join the [anti-Russian] sanctions, but we also understand the situation Ankara is in with its trade and energy interests involving Russia. I've already spoken with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan about Turkey's possible assistance in releasing certain persons in Crimea, including Crimean Tatars. But nothing could be done to protect national and human rights because the Crimean Tatars cannot have a common future with Russia," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1098980-crimean-tatar-leader-calls-on-turkey-to-join-sanctions-against-russia-over-crimea.html>

### **Poroshenko says terrorist threat in Ukraine has "significantly risen", 10.07.2015**

At a meeting with Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk and Interior Minister Arsen Avakov, Poroshenko said: "The level of guerrilla and terrorist threats in the regions outside the zone (of conflict) has significantly risen." He did not elaborate, but said criminals were benefiting from instability in the east, where more than 6,500 people have been killed and more than a million displaced in over a year's fighting between Ukrainian troops and separatists. He said weapons were being trafficked from the conflict zone and that police resources were often directed on the east rather than in the rest of the country. "Therefore there will be an increase in grievous and especially life-threatening crimes."

Poroshenko and the government hope a new police force will help combat widespread corruption in Ukraine, which is on the brink of bankruptcy after years of economic mismanagement.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/10/us-ukraine-crisis-poroshenko-idUSKCN0PK0LQ20150710>

<http://time-ua.com/en/news/politics/12750-poroshenko-warns-about-threat-of-terrorist-attacks-in-all-regions>

### **Joint Chiefs Nominee: Arming Ukraine Is 'Reasonable', 10.07.2015**

The nominee to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Thursday that Russia poses the greatest national security threat to the United States and that it would be “reasonable” to supply lethal arms to Ukrainians fighting against rebels backed by Moscow. “Russia presents the greatest threat to our national security. ... If you look at their behavior, it’s nothing short of alarming,” Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford said during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Relations between Russia and the West have sunk to post-Cold War lows after Moscow’s annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula and its support for a pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine. The United States has responded with sanctions but so far has refrained from providing lethal arms to the Ukrainian forces. Asked if the U.S. should provide lethal arms to Ukraine, Dunford said that from a military standpoint, it would be a “reasonable” response.

<http://ukrnews.today/joint-chiefs-nominee-arming-ukraine-is-reasonable/>



### **Poroshenko says over 64,000 Ukrainian troops serving in Donbas now, 13.07.2015**

A large number of Russian troops deployed along the Ukrainian border, says President. «As of today, we've got over 64,000 soldiers of the Armed Forces alone in the ATO zone.

Additionally, we've got the National Guard, we've got the Security Service, and we've got border guards, and there is much more equipment now... We're ready to properly counteract aggression against our state,» Poroshenko said.

The president earlier said he got information about a record large number of Russian troops deployed along the Ukrainian border.

<http://hj.com.ua/poroshenko-says-over-64000-ukrainian-troops-serving-in-donbas-now-5349/>

### **Turchynov calls for drastic reshuffle of Zakarpattia authorities, 13.07.2015**

"We need a serious reshuffle in the region, both in the law enforcement and administrative sectors. The parliament needs to finally vote for stripping lawmakers and judges of immunity. We must purge the country of criminals and corrupt officials in the end," Turchynov wrote.

"Moreover, the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), Interior Ministry and Prosecutor General Office (PGO) should not only detain those who have shot at people, but also deal harshly with those who "cover" smuggling, hire criminals and armed militants for a shoot-out in the region, taking advantage of positions and deputy mandates," he wrote. "When one fires a machine gun or grenade at the enemy at the front line – he's a hero, but when one shoots from the same weapon in the rear and people die – he's a gangster and murderer.

<http://x-news.com.ua/turchynov-calls-for-drastic-reshuffle-of-zakarpattia-authorities-45916/>

### **POROSHENKO: MUKACHEVE CONFLICT – RESULT OF REDISTRIBUTION OF SMUGGLING FLOWS, 13.07.2015**

"Smuggling is not just a Transcarpathian problem. Once we started to press on the issue, all the Evil has showed its face. Smugglers from Transcarpathia have challenged Ukraine. I want to say that we accept the challenge," Poroshenko said at the meeting, where the situation in the ATO zone and the situation regarding the gang conflict in Mukacheve were discussed. "We must unravel long-standing problems that require immediate solutions. I'm talking about tribalism, smuggling, corruption and the like. The picture of what is happening there today is not black and white. It's just astoundingly black," said the head of state. Poroshenko demanded decisive action by the law enforcement agencies in the fight against smuggling.

"There must be a harsh and precise investigation against everyone involved in this: searches, detentions and direct criminal responsibility. Neither the deputy mandates will help, nor the connections in top government offices," said Poroshenko.

<http://x-news.com.ua/poroshenko-mukacheve-conflict-result-of-redistribution-of-smuggling-flows-46710/>

### **Poroshenko: Ukraine to join efforts with EU to fight smuggling, 15.07.2015**

Soon, I will hold consultations with the leaders of the neighboring EU member states... We will unite Ukraine's efforts with those of our neighboring countries, the EU member states [in fighting smuggling]," said the president. Poroshenko stressed that it was necessary to deprive the gangs of additional income and block the smuggling flows across the border.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/hcc8ROV1vb3O4XqvCo963O>

### **ETHNIC POLES FROM UKRAINIAN-CONTROLLED MARIUPOL REFUSED ASYLUM IN POLAND, 15.07.2015**

A total of 50 ethnic Poles from the Ukrainian-controlled city of Mariupol, which is close to the front line, have been refused asylum in Poland, he said. Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed that the previous evacuation of Poles from Donbas had been a one-time campaign to withdraw civilians from the war zone. Mariupol is not in the zone of direct military operations, according to the Polish government. "Poles from Mariupol, a city located close to the front line, have actively sent requests for admission to Poland. Yet, everything will depend on the development of the situation in Ukraine. If hostilities intensify and affect a larger area than before, we should consider the probability that groups of ethnic Poles will try to flee that region and seek asylum in Poland," Dworczyk said.

<http://x-news.com.ua/ethnic-poles-from-ukrainian-controlled-mariupol-refused-asylum-in-poland-47354/>

### **Sources say MH17 report blames Russian missile for shooting down plane, 16.07.2015**

U.S. officials concluded Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was struck by a missile and shot out of the sky. A final report from investigators has yet to be released but CNN has learned new details from the draft investigative report for the July 17, 2014 incident.

Dutch accident investigators say that evidence points to pro-Russian rebels as being responsible for shooting down MH-17, according to a source who has seen the report.

According to the source, the report says it was a Buk missile -- a Russian surface-to-air missile -- that was used, launched from a village in Russian rebel controlled territory.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/07/15/politics/mh17-pro-russian-missile-crash-ukraine/index.html>

<http://www.najibrazak.com/bm/blog/mh17-the-fight-for-justice-continues/>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1101637-mh17-investigators-gather-evidence-to-bring-criminals-to-justice.html>

### **U.S. State Department: Mukacheve violence 'totally unacceptable', 16.07.2015**

"The violence you are referring to is totally unacceptable, totally unacceptable. And we expect all Ukrainians, no matter their affiliation or organization, to respect law and order," U.S. State Department spokesperson John Kirby said at a daily press briefing in Washington, DC, on July 15. Kirby also told journalists that the Ukrainian government should determine the role of the country's volunteer battalions within the national security forces as soon as possible. "In terms of the Right Sector and where they are in terms of Ukraine's security apparatus is up to the government of Ukraine to decide how this integration is going to be implemented," Kirby said. "But we continue to urge the Ukrainian government, as we have, to complete this transition as soon as possible precisely because of concerns such as that gun battle reported over the weekend," he added.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1101394-us-state-department-mukacheve-violence-totally-unacceptable.html>

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/dpb/2015/07/244957.htm>

<http://sputniknews.com/europe/20150715/1024677858.html>

### **POROSHENKO: CRIMEA REMAINS INTEGRAL PART OF UKRAINE, 16.07.2015**

"I would like to clarify my position on Chapter X of the Constitution of Ukraine, which is about the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. I ask the Constitutional Commission to not disregard statements by the leaders of the Crimean Tatar people in its future work and ensure that the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, being an integral part of Ukraine, remains a national territorial subdivision through which the Crimean Tatars exercise their right to self-determination," the president said, addressing a parliament plenary session on Thursday on the consideration of a bill on amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in the part concerning decentralization of power in Ukraine.

<http://x-news.com.ua/poroshenko-crimea-remains-integral-part-of-ukraine-47432/>

### **Russia removed from the investigation of an accident MH17 – Churkin, 16.07.2015**

This was stated by Russia's permanent representative to the UN Vitaly Churkin, said Tass.

"We have always continued to call for closer international cooperation to this disaster. It so happens that our experts are virtually excluded from, the investigation also passed on a “, & ndash; he complained. Churkin added that “Russia is skeptical about the idea of creating an international tribunal” in this case since the project “deprived of a solid foundation”.

<http://ukrainiancrisis.net/news/12228>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1101599-churkin-russia-virtually-removed-from-mh17-investigation.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/russia/11732678/One-year-on-MH17-evidence-against-separatists-appears-overwhelming.html>

<http://www.najibrazak.com/bm/blog/mh17-the-fight-for-justice-continues/>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/russia/11732678/One-year-on-MH17-evidence-against-separatists-appears-overwhelming.html>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1101637-mh17-investigators-gather-evidence-to-bring-criminals-to-justice.html>

### **Exclusive Interview: Pope's meeting with Putin, 16.07.2015**

"Pope Francis is fundamentally a man of peace, there should be no question about the fact that he is sanguine, he is aware, he knows exactly who started the war, who is funding it, where the army is coming from. The propaganda around the Russian aggression is not fooling anyone". "Pope waited and the first word of welcome was precisely one word in German 'willkommen', without great smiles or particular chitchat".

<http://uatoday.tv/opinion/exclusive-interview-pope-s-meeting-with-putin-456849.html>

### **Poroshenko not to tolerate anarchy in Ukraine, 16.07.2015**

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko states he will not tolerate anarchy in Ukraine and will not allow the enemy to undermine the state from within. The President said this, speaking at the plenary session of the Verkhovna Rada today. "Our task is not only to build impenetrable fortifications on the frontline, but also to take steps to prevent any internal destabilization. I repeat what I said yesterday in Uzhgorod and Mukachevo [Zakarpattia region, Ukraine]: I will not tolerate anarchy in Ukraine," the President said. Poroshenko pointed out that no party would have any armed units or criminal armed formations. "The monopoly on the use of force and weapons rests with the state. No one is allowed to lease the patriotic chevrons to bandits," the Head of State said. The President described the last events in Zakarpattia region as the situation when several clans had failed to share the smuggled cigarettes.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_not\\_to\\_tolerate\\_anarchy\\_in\\_ukraine\\_333065](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_not_to_tolerate_anarchy_in_ukraine_333065)

### **One Year Anniversary of the Shootdown of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, 17.07.2015**

Press Statement

John Kerry

Secretary of State

Washington, DC

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine one year ago, taking the lives of 298 innocent people from 11 countries on July 17, 2014. Our thoughts remain with those who perished, and we join with their friends, families, and loved ones in honoring their memory. As I first said on July 20th last year, we believe that MH17 was shot down by a surface-to-air missile fired from separatist-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine. A year later, we strongly reaffirm our commitment to a thorough and independent international investigation to identify the full facts of what happened that day and, most importantly, to see those responsible are held accountable. We support the work being done by the Joint Investigative Team and the Dutch Safety Board, for that reason, and we urge full cooperation by all in assisting their effort to uncover the full truth.

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2015/07/245000.htm>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/591780/MH17-Ukraine-Russia-United-Nations-Philip-Hammond-Foreign-Secretary-anniversary>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-33563137>

<http://www.charter97.org/en/news/2015/7/20/160574/>

### **Poroshenko: Intelligence warns of further Russian invasion of Ukraine, 17.07.2015**

"I do not only believe in that but I have confirmation from our own intelligence sources," the president emphasized. "Yesterday night [on July 15] I lost eight of my soldiers from the artillery fire of the Russian and Russian-backed terrorist groups and sixteen Ukrainian soldiers were wounded. A dozen civilians were killed and wounded just in one day. This is the reality of the Russian aggression against Ukraine," Poroshenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1101813-poroshenko-intelligence-warns-of-further-russian-invasion-of-ukraine.html>

### **Britain to help Ukraine counter Russian propaganda, 17.07.2015**

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk says he has reached an agreement during his working visit to the United Kingdom on bilateral cooperation in countering Russian propaganda, according to the Information and Communication Department of the Ukrainian Cabinet's Secretariat. "Apart from an offensive against Ukraine, there is another attack and another weaponry used – information. Goebbels-style propaganda is now one of the main types of weapons disseminated by the Russian Federation around the world," Yatsenyuk said. He also stressed that the problem of the hybrid war waged by Russia raises "concerns of the European Union and the entire civilized world."

"We are changing the system of communication, both in Ukraine and abroad, together with our British partners. Countering Russia's information aggression is what we're going to do with our British partners. We must spread the truth and broadcast this truth on all global channels," Yatsenyuk said.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/ecXia14hQhwMQFmA6inzgq>

### **Nuland: U.S. not in business of trading in international relations, 17.07.2015**

"We don't judge that Russia did this as a favor to the United States or anybody else. It did it because its own interests were served by ensuring that Iran doesn't get a nuclear weapon, at the same time, as you know, we continue to have very tough difficult conversations with Russia about Ukraine," Nuland said. She also stated that the United States had made its position absolutely clear and that it "expects not only Ukraine but obviously Russia to live up to its obligations under the Minsk Agreement, including its obligations to ensure that there is a full ceasefire, there is a full exchange of hostages, there is a full withdrawal of weapons and foreign forces, and that the borders are returned to Ukraine," Nuland said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1101974-nuland-us-not-in-business-of-trading-in-international-relations.html>

<http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/statements/nuland-07162015.html>

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/top-us-diplomat-praises-poroshenko-criticises-kremlin-leaders-457628.html>

### **YAROSH WANTS AMNESTY FOR RIGHT SECTOR FIGHTER INVOLVED IN MUKACHEVE CONFLICT, 17.07.2015**

"We are ready to make a step forward to the State and join the ranks of the Armed Forces on our terms. Why not grant an amnesty for these people [the Right Sector fighters, who are now blocked in the woods]," said Yarosh at a press conference in Kyiv. "They might wash away their guilt with blood. [The guilt is] That they have succumbed to the provocation", he added. According to the Security Service of Ukraine, there are six Right Sector fighters now blocked in the woods in Zakarpattia. According to the Right Sector, "this number is just about right". When asked what happened to the other fighters, because previously, there were reports of 20 Right Sector members who had retreated into the woods, Yarosh reminded that there were two casualties among his men, four fighters have been detained, and further suggested that the initially reported numbers might have been "inaccurate".

<http://x-news.com.ua/yarosh-wants-amnesty-for-right-sector-fighter-involved-in-mukacheve-conflict-47791/>

### **Germany, France call for Minsk agreement to be fully effective by end 2015, 18.07.2015**

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande held a telephone conversation with the leaders of Russia and Ukraine on Friday to discuss the situation in eastern Ukraine, the French presidency said. The four countries agreed on a package of measures last February dubbed "Minsk II" and aimed at ending military tensions in the former Soviet state. Ukraine's parliament approved a draft law on Thursday to grant two eastern separatist regions greater autonomy. "This dynamic needs to be maintained to ensure the Minsk measures are fully effective by the end of this year", the French presidency said in a statement. "These political steps must go along with the strict respect of the commitments made by all parties regarding security", the statement said. Clashes between government forces and separatists have taken place in recent weeks despite the ceasefire agreement.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/17/us-ukraine-crisis-idUSKCN0PR27920150717>

### **PRESIDENT ACCUSES RADA OF STIRRING UP DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE, 19.07.2015**

"A stumbling block was a clause included in the transitional provisions of the Constitution. Namely, a part, which refers to a law on special self-governance in certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. This law has already been adopted two times. The law was first adopted by the previous Verkhovna Rada, and then improved by the current one. The law will enter into force provided the fulfillment of a number of preconditions," the president said. Key conditions are the disarmament of militants, the withdrawal of Russian troops, the restoration of control over the Ukrainian-Russian border, as well as holding local elections. Poroshenko also emphasized that the draft amendments to the Constitution do not provide for granting special status to Donbas. "However, local communities in Donbas and in all the regions of Ukraine will be granted much more powers and authorities," Poroshenko said.

<http://x-news.com.ua/president-accuses-rada-of-stirring-up-decentralization-issue-48070/>

### **Gaidar said the fact that Russia is at war with Ukraine, 20.07.2015**

Maria Gaidar, who had previously been appointed to the post of deputy head of the Odessa region, today at a press conference to explain their position on the situation in the east of Ukraine. "Russia is at war with Ukraine. It is a fact. There is a Russian military, they're killed. There is a military technology <...> It is a fact that there is a war where people are dying and there are refugees. I do not even understand the need to answer this question ", - said Gaidar. She added that he considers illegal annexation of the Crimea to Russia. "It is my position that I expressed, perhaps, a year ago," - said Gaidar.

<http://en.glavnoe.ua/news/n234841>

### **New potential threat to nuclear facilities identified because of Russian aggression, 20.07.2015**

The NSDC collected on Monday to think about a style threat [a threat which a structure or an element] an element or a structure must be created to withstand] to nuclear facilities, nuclear products, invested gas waste and also various other resources of ionizing radiation in Ukraine. "After the problem had actually been evaluated, a new style threat, which takes into consideration considerable modifications in the safety and security circumstance about the Russian Alliance's aggression, was authorized," the NSDC stated in a declaration. Additionally, the NSDC listened to a Wellness Ministry record on the condition of the immunobiological security of private citizens in Ukraine and also advised to take instant procedures to guarantee the accessibility of injections to the populace. The NSDC listened to a Wellness Ministry record on the condition of the immunobiological security of private citizens in Ukraine and also advised to take instant procedures to make sure the accessibility of injections to the populace.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/new-potential-threat-to-nuclear-facilities-identified-due-to-russian-aggression/>

### **Russia warns Sweden it will face military action if it joins Nato, 21.07.2015**

Viktor Tatarinstev warned against joining the Nato alliance, saying there would be "consequences". Decrying what he called an "aggressive propaganda campaign" by the media, Tatarinstev stressed that "Sweden is not a target for our armed troops". But with a recent surge of Swedish support for joining Nato, the ambassador said: "If it happens, there will be counter measures. "Putin pointed out that there will be consequences, that Russia will have to resort to a response of the military kind and re-orientate our troops and missiles. "The country that joins Nato needs to be aware of the risks it is exposing itself to."

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/russia-warns-sweden-it-will-face-military-action-if-it-joins-nato-10331397.html>

### **POLISH DEFENSE MINISTRY: RUSSIA PROTESTS EVERYTHING ABOUT UKRAINE AND NATO, 21.07.2015**

According to Siemoniak, the training under the program "Partnership for Peace" is held annually and doesn't violate international law. Therefore, it should not cause concerns of the Kremlin's authorities. "Over the last year and a half, having held a series of unscheduled exercises to intimidate the public in the West, Russia should not worry," he said. At the same time, he said that Russia protested every event in which the words "Ukraine-NATO" were mentioned. "Russians should not go crazy. Such exercises were conducted under the former president of Ukraine and the Russian Federation did not worry about them," Siemoniak said.

<http://x-news.com.ua/polish-defense-ministry-russia-protests-everything-about-ukraine-and-nato-48790/>

### **Experts from the USA will help to reform the Odessa customs, - Saakashvili, 21.07.2015**

The head of Odessa Regional Administration reported about it during a meeting with the US Ambassador in Ukraine Jeffrey Payette who visited Odessa with official visit. - When I said with the president Poroshenko that it is necessary to change a state of affairs in customs department, he told me that it is necessary to begin changes with the ordinary customs officer. And Americans are ready to help us with it. Big changes are expected, however they will be not in a day and not for two, - Saakashvili noted. The head of the Odessa RSA promised to present the updated service to the public in November of this year.

<https://news.pn/en/politics/137552>

### **Dacic expects major issues on Ukrainian crisis to be solved by autumn, 21.07.2015**

The major issues on the Ukrainian crisis are to be solved by this autumn, OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Serbia's First Vice Premier, Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic told reporters. During the talks in Minsk certain progress has been made on a number of issues in different areas, Ivica Dacic said. "I came to Minsk to give the work on their solution some additional impetus, to keep the present momentum which we believe is good to address some issues before the autumn," he said. He said that a key event is expected in the autumn, namely the holding of the local elections which must be agreed upon by all parties: the conditions of their conduct, invitation of ODIHR observers, etc. "This is a critical period," he said.

[http://eng.belta.by/all\\_news/politics/Dacic-expects-major-issues-on-Ukrainian-crisis-to-be-solved-by-autumn\\_i\\_83306.html](http://eng.belta.by/all_news/politics/Dacic-expects-major-issues-on-Ukrainian-crisis-to-be-solved-by-autumn_i_83306.html)

<http://tass.ru/en/world/809903>

### **Military leaders name Russia as top threat to U.S., 22.07.2015**

Army Gen. Mark Milley joined other top military brass Tuesday in naming Russia as the top threat the U.S. faces today, as lawmakers questioned the wisdom of cutting an Army base in Alaska. "Russia is the only country on earth that contains a nuclear capability that could destroy the United States," Gen. Milley told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee at a hearing to consider his nomination to serve as the next Army chief of staff. "It's an existential threat to the United States, so it has capability. Intent, I don't know; but the activity of Russia since 2008 has been very, very aggressive."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jul/21/military-leaders-name-russia-top-threat-us/>

### **Pentagon Prepares to Send Better Radar to Ukraine, 23.07.2015**

The proposal still requires approval from the White House, which is considering another package of nonlethal assistance for Ukraine. The deliberations are taking place alongside rising pressure on Washington to better help Kiev counter a rebellion that continues to regularly claim lives, despite a five-month-old cease fire.

Ukraine's military "would benefit from having more counter-battery radar as well as more capable radar," one senior Obama administration official said.

The administration decided early this year against sending Ukraine deadly weaponry, such as artillery or portable air-defense systems, for fear of escalating the more than year-old conflict or provoking Russia. But administration officials say that the new radar doesn't count as offensive or lethal aid, and so wouldn't require a policy shift.

Providing the counter-battery radar—which uses the trajectory of an incoming projectile to determine where it was fired from—would meet a request of Ukrainian leaders for capabilities to look deeper into rebel-held territory, and to more accurately fire back.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/pentagon-prepares-to-send-better-radar-to-ukraine-1437596928>

### **KHODORKOVSKY: PUTIN MAY BEGIN FULL-SCALE WAR FROM UKRAINE, 23.07.2015**

"I believe, there are three places where everything can begin. Ukraine is the most obvious version, as it would be the continuation of a ground operation. The second variant is the Baltic States, where Putin continues his provocations, injecting and recriminations. And the third version is the Middle East — fallback option at all times," he said. "Putin is now unpredictable, irrational and is unlikely to control himself. He lives in another reality – neither in economic, nor in political. He is seriously considering himself the leader of the post-U.S. world. If he believes that the war is the only way to maintain his power, it is likely to happen," Khodorkovsky said. Asked about whether such a war could be a disaster for Russia, Khodorkovsky said that "this argument is not taken into account." "They only see signs of personal catastrophe and they are ready to delay it as long as possible, or slam the door to the whole world in case of their failure," he said.

<http://x-news.com.ua/khodorkovsky-putin-may-begin-full-scale-war-from-ukraine-49721/>

## **EP authorities: Russia should know punishment for war crimes in Ukraine inevitable, 23.07.2015**

Ukrainian Parliament Speaker Groyzman is consulting with EP delegates led by Chair of the European Parliament's Foreign Matters Board Brok. "We should make Russia comprehend its responsibility for war crimes and also infractions of worldwide law, for the development of altruistic and also social|social and also altruistic issues," Brok stated throughout a conference with Ukrainian Parliament Speaker Volodymyr Groyzman in Kyiv on Thursday, the Verkhovna Rada's press solution. "It is needed to utilize permissions to ensure that the Russian Alliance should understand the certainty of the punishment," he stated. Groyzman consequently oriented the EP delegates regarding the condition of constitutional reform in Ukraine. Saying the speaker, by sending out an expense on changes to the Ukrainian Constitution to the Constitutional Court for its last verdicts, the Ukrainian authorities have actually started the procedure that will certainly enable the Ukrainian country to attract a splitting line in between the post-Soviet, central previous and also the European, autonomous future of Ukraine.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ep-official-russia-should-know-punishment-for-war-crimes-in-ukraine-inevitable/>

## **Termination of Mistral Contract With Russia 'Big Mistake' - French Lawmaker, 23.07.2015**

French lawmaker Jacques Myard said that there was no justification for linking the fulfillment of the obligations under the contract with the Ukrainian crisis.

According to Myard, there is no justification for linking the fulfillment of the obligations under the contract with the Ukrainian crisis. "These are not ships you could use to bomb Kiev. These are not the kind of ships, with which you could intervene in Donbass. So there is no sense in not delivering those ships," Myard stressed. Myard, as well as a number of other French parliamentarians, will visit Crimea later in the day. The three-day trip is aimed at evaluating the current situation in the Black Sea peninsula.

<http://sputniknews.com/military/20150723/1024952939.html>

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1106640-mistral-contract-to-be-terminated.html>

## **President Reported On Deterioration Of Security Situation in Donbas, 24.07.2015**

"The President of Ukraine noted the deteriorating security situation in the Donbas, including increasing the number of attacks by the pro-Russian militants" – reads the statement.

"Ukrainian President emphasized the need for release of all hostages, including illegally detained people in Russia, first of all Nadiya Savchenko," – added by the press service of the Ukrainian President. According to the Presidential Administration, the parties also discussed the upcoming elections in some areas of Donbas. Poroshenko stressed the inadmissibility of holding pseudo elections planned by the terrorists on 18 October and 1 November this year.

<http://ukraineunderattack.org/en/25383-president-reported-on-deterioration-of-security-situation-in-donbas.html>

## **PUTIN URGES KYIV TO AGREE WITH MILITANTS ON SPECIAL STATUS OF DONBAS, 24.07.2015**

"The sustainable comprehensive settlement of the crisis is impossible without a direct dialogue between Kyiv and representatives of Donbas," Putin said during a telephone conversation with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande. The Russian president called on the Ukrainian side to strictly follow the letter and spirit of the Minsk agreements. In particular, Kyiv must agree with the DPR and LPR and enact a permanent legislative support of the special status of the regions and the amnesty law, as well as determine the modalities and the procedure for the local elections, the press service said. In addition, the Kremlin called "a goodwill gesture" the withdrawal of militants from the village of Shyrokyne and emphasized the need of the Ukrainian servicemen leaving the village.

<http://x-news.com.ua/putin-urges-kyiv-to-agree-with-militants-on-special-status-of-donbas-50046/>

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin\\_asks\\_normandy\\_four\\_to\\_grant\\_amnesty\\_for\\_militants\\_333245](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_asks_normandy_four_to_grant_amnesty_for_militants_333245)

## **MEP CALLS ON UKRAINE, MOLDOVA AND GEORGIA TO CREATE JOINT MILITARY BATTALION, 24.07.2015**

"Before joining NATO, we intensified our regional cooperation and created battalions: Lithuanian and Polish battalion, as well as Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian battalion. And I believe that Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia could cooperate in this way, thus proving that the states are able to look beyond, not only in terms of their national interests, that they are able to agree among several states," he said. According to Landsbergis, he talked about this idea with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin. He believes that Lithuania could serve as an example and share its experience.

<http://x-news.com.ua/mep-calls-on-ukraine-moldova-and-georgia-to-create-joint-military-battalion-50265/>

## **Poroshenko: Militant-arranged local elections to escalate Donbas, 24.07.2015**

The celebrations "recognized the requirement of prolongation or support of permissions versus Russia in situation of additional acceleration up until the total satisfaction of the Minsk contracts and also remediation of sovereignty and also territorial stability of Ukraine," the governmental press service informed.

Discussing the circumstance in Donbas, the MEPs applauded political will and also initiatives of the Ukrainian authorities in the satisfaction of the peace strategy, especially in the context of preparing constitutional changes on decentralization and also prep work for totally free local elections throughout Ukraine, which are arranged for October 25, 2015. "As head of state, you safeguard Ukraine in times of massive difficulties for its statehood and also produce contemporary identification of your nation," MEP Andrej Plenković stated.

The Ukrainian head of state verified that Ukraine would certainly invite worldwide onlookers, consisting of those from the EP, at the October 25 elections.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/poroshenko-militant-arranged-local-elections-to-escalate-donbas/>

## **Ukraine Said Likely to Get \$1.7 Billion Aid Installment From IMF, 25.07.2015**

The conflict-torn nation is likely to win formal approval for the \$1.7 billion disbursement as soon as July 31, when the International Monetary Fund's executive board is scheduled to meet on the issue, said the person, who is familiar with IMF discussions and asked not to be identified because the talks aren't public. The Washington-based fund said in April it was vital that Ukraine reach a restructuring settlement with its bondholders before the next tranche was disbursed. IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde softened that stance last month, saying that the fund can keep supporting Ukraine even if an accord with creditors "cannot be reached in a timely manner."

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-07-24/ukraine-said-likely-to-get-1-7-billion-aid-installment-from-imf>

## **Putin to address UN General Assembly, 27.07.2015**

"A final decision is yet to be taken. A visit to the UN General Assembly is one of the options under consideration, and it does not matter whether it will be a jubilee or not," said Dmitry Peskov, Putin's spokesman. The information on Putin's address has not yet been officially confirmed by the Russian authorities. Kommersant newspaper quotes its sources in the Kremlin and those who are close to the UN saying that Putin is to make up his mind in August.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1105460-putin-to-address-un-general-assembly.html>

## **Russia supports territorial integrity of Ukraine without Crimea, - Russia's PM, 27.07.2015**

This position was announced by Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at a press conference following Russian-Slovenian talks. "We believe that this conflict has no military solution, that this conflict should be resolved by peaceful means, first of all, through negotiations between all the parties to the conflict. I mean both the official powers and the authorities currently existing in the south-east (in the Donbas - Ed.)," Medvedev stated.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345462/russia\\_supports\\_territorial\\_integrity\\_of\\_ukraine\\_without\\_crimea\\_russias\\_pm](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345462/russia_supports_territorial_integrity_of_ukraine_without_crimea_russias_pm)



### **Julie Bishop delivers blunt message to Russia on MH17 investigation, 28.07.2015**

Ms Bishop is attempting to convince Vladimir Putin's Russia and allies to back an independent UN tribunal to prosecute the people who shot down Malaysian Airlines flight MH17. The aim is to set up the tribunal now so it can prosecute whoever is found to be responsible once the Dutch Safety Board investigation finishes in October.

"We cannot allow a veto in the United Nations Security Council to avoid justice," she said. "We owe it to the families to pursue those responsible, we owe it to those who are still suffering and grieving over the loss of their loved ones aboard MH17. They will not have closure in their lives until this matter is completed."

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/julie-bishop-delivers-blunt-message-to-russia-on-mh17-investigation-20150728-giltf0>

### **Yanukovych ready to testify online – defense, 28.07.2015**

According to lawyers, they have a relevant document, signed by Yanukovych and certified by a notary. The document says that the ex-president is going to testify via videoconference.

Meanwhile, the Court of Appeal is considering an appeal filed by Yanukovych defense, arguing that the criminal case against their client is unfounded. Earlier today, Prosecutor General of Ukraine Viktor Shokin announced the beginning of the procedure of conviction in absentia of six former high-ranking officials, including ex-President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/IR6zNmc1n8xhhERAi1IRs>

### **No traces of trust remain between Ukraine and Russia. There is simply no communication between diplomats of the two countries, – Ukraine's Foreign Minister, 28.07.2015**

No traces of this all-embracing trust between Ukraine and Russia remained. I do not see any chances of this trust recovery. Even formal normalization of Ukrainian-Russian relations is out of question while there is a hybrid war in the Donbas and temporary occupation of Crimea. We will certainly solve some practical problems of coexistence as purely geographical neighbors. But this will not develop into a normal interstate relations," Ukraine's Foreign Minister Pavel Klimkin said. "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is actually the only one who I have to communicate with. Our communication with him is always a discussion focused on the practical aspects of the implementation of the Minsk deal," Klimkin said being asked about the process of communication with the Russian diplomats. He also stressed that there was no communication with Lavrov that would go beyond that issue.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345680/no\\_traces\\_of\\_trust\\_remain\\_between\\_ukraine\\_and\\_russia\\_there\\_is\\_simply\\_no\\_communication\\_between\\_diplomats](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345680/no_traces_of_trust_remain_between_ukraine_and_russia_there_is_simply_no_communication_between_diplomats)

### **All sides in eastern Ukraine must ensure safety and freedom of movement of SMM monitors, says OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Dačić, 28.07.2015**

"I am alarmed and deeply concerned by the incidents in Shchastia on 26 July and Shyrokyne on 27 July, especially when it appears our unarmed, civilian monitors were targeted," said Dačić. He said that an SMM monitor who suffered a mild concussion and an injury to his right leg in the incident in Shyrokyne, had now been discharged from hospital.

"I commend the bravery and diligence that monitors and staff of the SMM show every day in their work in increasingly difficult circumstances. I strongly condemn any incidents or actions that hamper the SMM's work. "All sides on the ground in eastern Ukraine are obliged under their commitments to the Minsk Agreements to ensure the safety, security and freedom of movement of the SMM."

<http://www.osce.org/cio/174926>

### **POROSHENKO: HIGH COST OF DIRECT INVASION OBVIOUS TO RUSSIA, 29.07.2015**

"We have not just survived in this unequal struggle against the Russian aggressors. We strengthened so much that it has become too obvious for the enemy that a very high price will be paid in case of a direct invasion," said Poroshenko during celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky. "To attack us ... is more costly, Russian strategists believe, than to try to undermine us from within. As an example, to play on patriotic feelings" said the president.

<http://x-news.com.ua/poroshenko-high-cost-of-direct-invasion-obvious-to-russia-52346/>

## **Ukrainian emergency service head says arson behind major fire in Chornobyl forest, 29.07.2015**

Arson was the cause of a large-scale forest fire in the Chornobyl exclusion zone, head of the Ukrainian State Emergency Service Mykola Chechotkin said.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/ukrainian-emergency-service-head-says-arson-behind-major-fire-in-chornobyl-forest-394579.html>  
<http://www.unian.info/society/1106129-emergency-service-most-fires-in-chornobyl-zone-caused-by-arson.html>

## **Poroshenko says trade war, Russian military aggression results in fall of Ukraine's industrial potential, living standards, 30.07.2015**

Russian military aggression and the trade war against Ukraine has caused great damage to the industrial potential of the country and has lowered the living standards of Ukrainians, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/b2jGIfcSuQ3RvkFbAAcx3K>

## **POROSHENKO: MORE NEW MILITARY HARDWARE TO BE SENT TO ARMY IN AUGUST, 30.07.2015**

"Next year military spending will grow to make the army stronger, arming and re-equipping it with the latest models of weapons and military hardware will accelerate. The next large batch of such equipment will be given to the military as early as in August," Poroshenko said while on an official visit to Lviv. The Ukrainian army today is brand new, strong and efficient, professional and trained, with regular supplies of uniforms and food, Poroshenko stressed.

<http://x-news.com.ua/poroshenko-more-new-military-hardware-to-be-sent-to-army-in-august-52532/>

## **Finland preparing for Russia's occupation of Aland Islands, 30.07.2015**

Finnish Defense Minister Jussi Niinisto admits the possibility of the appearance of the so-called "green men" on the islands, i.e. Russian army soldiers in military uniform without insignia.

Military experts predict that in the event of an armed conflict in the Baltic States or in the Baltic Sea area, Russia may try to occupy the Aland Islands and the Swedish island of Gotland. "The situation in the Baltic Sea region has changed, so we need to think about the defense of the Aland Islands," Niinisto said. "The Ministry of Defense began to think what kind of assistance the Defense Forces would provide to the Aland Islands in case of the arrival of the "green men," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1106483-finland-preparing-for-russias-occupation-of-aland-islands.html>

## **Five nations will try again for downed plane tribunal, - Ukrainian Foreign Minister, 31.07.2015**

The five countries investigating the downing of a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine a year ago will try again to get U.N. Security Council approval for an international tribunal to prosecute the alleged perpetrators. Ukraine's foreign minister Pavlo Klimkin said in an interview with The Associated Press. He said that a key Russian argument for vetoing the resolution to establish a tribunal on Wednesday was that it was premature and "untimely," because the results of the investigation aren't expected until October. So the five nations will try again for a tribunal then, he said. The Russian mission to U.N. had no immediate comment on Klimkin's remarks.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345933/five\\_nations\\_will\\_try\\_again\\_for\\_downed\\_plane\\_tribunal\\_ukrainian\\_foreign\\_minister](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345933/five_nations_will_try_again_for_downed_plane_tribunal_ukrainian_foreign_minister)

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/UN\\_UNITED\\_NATIONS\\_UKRAINE\\_MH17?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/UN_UNITED_NATIONS_UKRAINE_MH17?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/07/30/ukraine-crisis-mh17-dutch-idINKCN0Q41RA20150730>

## **Washington supports agreement to withdraw weapons under 100-mm in Donbas, - US Department of State, 31.07.2015**

"We strongly support President Poroshenko's call to sign an agreement on the withdrawal of heavy weapons under 100 millimeters in caliber in eastern Ukraine, and we urge all sides to implement such an agreement immediately," Deputy Spokesperson of the U.S. Department of State Mark Toner said.

The official said the U.S. welcomed Ukraine's recent steps to ensure Mariupol's defense and stabilize Shyrokyne.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345922/washington\\_supports\\_agreement\\_to\\_withdraw\\_weapons\\_under\\_100mm\\_in\\_donbas\\_us\\_department\\_of\\_state](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345922/washington_supports_agreement_to_withdraw_weapons_under_100mm_in_donbas_us_department_of_state)

## **Actions of Ukrainian Authorities**

### **Rada authorizes arrest of two judges, 01.07.2015**

The decision to arrest Medentsev, who is suspected of taking a UAH 570,000 bribe for a decision in favor of a certain company, was supported by 265 out of 324 MPs registered in the session hall. Medentsev is now on the wanted list.

The decision on Chernushenko's arrest was backed by 273 out of 340 MPs registered in the session hall. As reported earlier, on June 24, the Prosecutor General's Office reported Chernushenko was suspected of committing serious criminal offenses.

Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin initiated that he should be removed by the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine from performing his duties and appealed to the parliament with a request for authorizing the arrest of Chernushenko.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1095641-rada-authorizes-arrest-of-two-judges.html>

### **POROSHENKO PRESENTS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ON DECENTRALIZATION, 01.07.2015**

The draft was earlier supported both by the Constitutional Commission and the Venice Commission. In particular, according to the draft, a community should become a primary unit in the system of administrative and territorial structure of Ukraine. The Verkhovna Rada will be entitled to form communities, districts and regions, while the president will be able to temporarily suspend the powers of heads of communities.

Poroshenko stressed that decentralization does not mean weakening of the central government in such issues such as defense, foreign policy, national security, the rule of law, and respect for civil liberties. The president also noted that draft amendments do not provide for any special status of Donbas, only involving the possibility of a specific regime of local governing in some areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which is to be determined by a separate law.

<http://x-news.com.ua/poroshenko-presents-draft-amendments-to-constitution-on-decentralization-2-42472/>

### **Rada has banned the military commissariats to mobilize university teachers and schools, 02.07.2015**

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine supported the second reading and the whole bill number 2620 "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On mobilization preparation and mobilization "(exemption from military service during the mobilization of the teaching staff of higher education institutions and academic staff)." For a decision voted 266 MPs at the minimum required 226. The law amends Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On mobilization preparation and mobilization" to determine what academics III-IV level of accreditation, which have research and teaching load of at least 0.5 rate, degree and title (PhD Doctor Sciences, associate professor, professor) and researchers of research institutes, centers, laboratories, institutions equated to have a scientific degree and rank, conduct scientific work and research in basic and applied sciences, will not be subject to military conscription during on the mobilization of the special period.

<http://en.glavnoe.ua/news/n232366>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1095919-rada-exempts-professors-researchers-from-conscription-during-mobilization.html>

### **Rada dismisses Ecology Minister Shevchenko, 02.07.2015**

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has backed the resignation of Ecology and Natural Resources Minister Ihor Shevchenko. A total of 235 MPs voted for the respective decision on Thursday morning.

According to the report, in the six months since Shevchenko was appointed, the ministry has failed to use funds, received as part of the EU sectoral budget support for events foreseen by the national action plan on environment protection for 2011-2015, in a purposeful and efficient manner.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/275480.html>

### **Poroshenko explained why he dismissed Nalyvaichenko: "Poor results in the fight against corruption and smuggling", 02.07.2015**

Poroshenko noted that the leaders of the Security Service have failed to conduct key tasks that he was charged with. "The reason for the dismissal of the head of the SBU Valentyn Nalyvaichenko was unsatisfactory results in the fight against corruption and smuggling," the head of state said. At the same time, according to the president, the work of the Interior Ministry, Prosecutor's Office and Border Guard remains unsatisfactory.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342346/poroshenko\\_explained\\_why\\_he\\_dismissed\\_nalyvaichenko\\_poor\\_results\\_in\\_the\\_fight\\_against\\_corruption\\_and](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342346/poroshenko_explained_why_he_dismissed_nalyvaichenko_poor_results_in_the_fight_against_corruption_and)

### **Saakashvili at a meeting with investors asked money for roads and salaries, 02.07.2015**

The chairman of the Odessa regional state administration Mikheil Saakashvili held a meeting with the international investors. Mikheil Saakashvili reported about it on the page in Facebook. - Today held a meeting with the international donors. We need money for roads and we will provide that they weren't stolen, money for salaries the civil servant because they also shouldn't steal, and also shouldn't allow to steal another, - wrote Saakashvili. We will remind that earlier it was reported that Saakashvili guaranteed protection to future investors from the USA to Odessa

<https://news.pn/en/politics/137079>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1096052-saakashvili-meets-with-international-donors-wants-more-investment-in-odesa-region.html>

### **SBU found a cache with four kilograms of explosives, weapons and ammunition in Darnytsia district of Kyiv, 02.07.2015**

"Not far from a half-ruined house, the Security Service of Ukraine found the carefully hidden cache of explosives with eight IM-82 TNT blocks, six TNT blocks 75 grams each, six TNT blocks with holes for fuses, and the fuses themselves. 20-centimeter long nails were attached around one of the TNT blocks. The total weight of seized explosives was almost four kilograms," the agency stated. AK-74U assault rifle with two shops, SKS carbine, and a large number of ammunition of various calibers have been seized from the cache. The law enforcement officers also found antique image of intercession of the Holy Virgin wrapped in a cloth together with the weapons. "Operational-investigative actions within the criminal proceeding under Article 263 (illegal handling of weapons) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine are underway," the SBU reported.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342368/sbu\\_found\\_a\\_cache\\_with\\_four\\_kilograms\\_of\\_explosives\\_weapons\\_and\\_ammunition\\_in\\_darnytsia\\_district\\_of](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342368/sbu_found_a_cache_with_four_kilograms_of_explosives_weapons_and_ammunition_in_darnytsia_district_of)

### **Ukrainian lawmakers appoint new SBU chief, 02.07.2015**

Ukraine's Parliament supports Hrytsak's nomination by President Poroshenko to the post of the SBU Security Service chief. Corresponding resolution No. 2204a was supported by 340 out of the 388 MPs registered in the session hall. However, no MPs from the Samopomich party voted for the appointment. On the same day the head of state appointed SBU first deputy chief Vasyl Hrytsak as acting SBU chief. Col. Gen. Vasyl Hrytsak, born on January 14, 1967, had headed the SBU Antiterrorist Center and served as SBU first deputy chief since July 2014. He has been a member of Ukrainian security agencies since 1992. From May 24, 2005 to December 28, 2006, Hrytsak served as chief of the SBU department in Kyiv region. On December 28, 2006, he was appointed head of the SBU's Kyiv city department. From April 11, 2008, Hrytsak served as chief of the SBU main department in the city of Kyiv and Kyiv region.

<http://ukrnews.today/ukrainian-lawmakers-appoint-new-sbu-chief/>

### **"Today I've decided to resign, the letter is ready", - Kvitashvili, 02.07.2015**

"If my resignation will result in Verkhovna Rada voting for those draft laws that are ready, I am ready to sacrifice myself," he added. He noted he is staying in Ukraine and is ready to help the new Minister of Health.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/bcDxsxcV4R7zVFe2UiBGyM>

### **Lutsenko to resign as a head of Poroshenko Bloc faction, - press secretary, 03.07.2015**

MP Yuri Lutsenko decided to resign as a head of Poroshenko Bloc faction in Verkhovna Rada.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342417/lutsenko\\_to\\_resign\\_as\\_a\\_head\\_of\\_poroshenko\\_bloc\\_faction\\_press\\_secretary](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342417/lutsenko_to_resign_as_a_head_of_poroshenko_bloc_faction_press_secretary)

### **Poroshenko: Brand-new patrol police symbolizes ongoing reforms in Ukraine, 04.06.2015**

"Today you're using up your responsibilities, and also every one of you— simply picture— has currently end up being a sign of Ukrainian reforms, Poroshenko stated. The head of state likewise kept in mind that the primary jobs of the police are not just to take care of infractions of legislations, however likewise to "influence all individuals with the idea that reforms permanent and also required. The idea that the Ukrainian state is solid sufficient to protect itself." "It goes without saying, the adversary desires you to make errors, to end up being a simple reincarnation of a normal Ukrainian cop that has actually just been placed in a new automobile and also worn a new attire. Allow's show that this will certainly not hold true!" Poroshenko highlighted.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/poroshenko-brand-new-patrol-police-symbolizes-ongoing-reforms-in-ukraine/>  
<http://ukrnews.today/ukraine-launches-western-style-police-force/>

### **SBU Chief: separatism threats in five "hot spots" across Ukraine, 06.07.2015**

There are five "hot spots" in Ukraine to pay attention to in the context of intensification of the separatist activity, orchestrated by Moscow. These are Odesa, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions, said Hrytsak, according to 112 TV channel. Explosive devices have been seized as a result of 15 searches conducted by the SBU officers in Odesa and Mykolaiv regions on July 5, according to Hrytsak. "We are observing direct and indirect contacts of the perpetrators with both the organizers of these activities in those areas and their Russian masterminds," said the SBU chief.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1097241-sbu-chief-separatism-threats-in-five-hot-spots-across-ukraine.html>

### **Avakov dismisses entire staff of Donetsk region traffic police, 06.07.2015**

"Traffic police purge goes on. To my regret and great happiness. The process of purification of bribe takers and traitors in uniform sharking on human grief. This time - Donetsk region. Mariupol," he wrote. By the order of the Minister the officers of the Donetsk region traffic police have been dismissed for further evaluation: "All 625 people. Effective July 7." According to Avakov, Donetsk region traffic police head Viacheslav Abroskin, one of the initiators of the process of purification, has a lot of work of high intensity and responsibility before him.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342694/avakov\\_dismisses\\_entire\\_staff\\_of\\_donetsk\\_region\\_traffic\\_police](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342694/avakov_dismisses_entire_staff_of_donetsk_region_traffic_police)

### **Secret flight of Yanukovich officials to Russia during Maidan, 07.07.2015**

Russian aviation structures won the court case against Ukrainian Ministry of the Interior regarding debts for services provided to the AN-26 military cargo aircraft that had gone on a secret flight to Russia amid the Revolution of Dignity.

<http://ukrnews.co/unian-secret-flight-of-yanukovich-officials-to-russia-during-maidan/>  
<http://www.unian.info/politics/1097647-secret-flight-of-yanukovich-officials-to-russia-during-maidan.html>

### **SBU puts Tabachnyk on wanted list, 07.07.2015**

According to the official information, Tabachnyk disappeared on June 8. He is accused of the appropriation or embezzlement of funds under Part 5 of Article 191 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. The punishment provides for payment of a fine up to fifty non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens, or up to two years of correctional work, or a prison term of up to four years, with disqualification to hold certain positions or engage in certain activities for up to three years or a lifetime disqualification of this kind.

<http://ukrnews.today/sbu-puts-tabachnyk-on-wanted-list/>

### **Cabinet of Ministers approves Ukravtodor highway service liquidation, 07.07.2015**

As reported citing the Deputy Prime Minister Valerii Voshchevskiyi press service, the corresponding decision was taken at a Committee meeting on July 6.

One of the important steps to reform the road sector is to transfer state controlled regional road services to the local level. This process is impeded by the intermediate management structure - Highways of Ukraine state joint stock company, subordinating regional road services.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342841/cabinet\\_of\\_ministers\\_approves\\_ukravtodor\\_highway\\_service\\_liquidation](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342841/cabinet_of_ministers_approves_ukravtodor_highway_service_liquidation)

### **New police department recruits specialists, 07.07.2015**

"We need people for our Police department. Should some cadets change their minds regarding patrolling and miss office work - you are welcome," Kyiv police officer Mykhailo Kindrakevych wrote. According to him, the positions are also open to professionals who want to contribute to the new police: "Only for dedicated and responsible people," Kindrakevych remarked.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342815/new\\_police\\_department\\_recruits\\_specialists\\_list\\_of\\_jobs](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342815/new_police_department_recruits_specialists_list_of_jobs)

### **Ukrzaliznytsia acting chief appointed, 08.07.2015**

Oleksandr Zavhorodniy has been appointed as acting chief of the State Railway Administration of Ukraine (Ukrzaliznytsia). This was announced by Infrastructure Minister Andriy Pyvovarsky.

"Each stage of reform needs its leader. I am sure that Oleksandr Zavhorodniy will not only continue the process of corporatization, but also focus efforts on technical process". Maksym Blank, who previously led the administration, will be reinstated on post of first deputy chief of Ukrzaliznytsia.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrzaliznytsia\\_acting\\_chief\\_appointed\\_332875](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrzaliznytsia_acting_chief_appointed_332875)

<http://ukr-online.com/en/politic/13643-zastupnik-mnstra-nfrastrukturi-omelyan-na-posadu-qlavi-ukrzalznic-pretenduyut-blizko-100-osb.html>

### **More diplomatic talks to stem Russia's war in Ukraine held in Minsk, 08.07.2015**

Representatives from Russia, Ukraine, militant forces and Europe's OSCE watchdog have met in the Belarusian capital Minsk for further talks towards finding a diplomat solution to stem the conflict in east Ukraine. In a briefing after the talks, OSCE Special Ambassador Martin Sajdik said the decision on pulling out of less than 100 mm caliber weapons may be reached at the next meeting. Martin Sajdik, OSCE Special Ambassador: "In the security group the questions that are known to you were discussed including Skyrokyne and pulling out of guns of caliber less than 100 mm. And there were really very deep talks here on this issue. And we hope that we can make a decision next time." Negotiations focused on security, economic, political and humanitarian issues. Enforcing and monitoring the pullback of heavy weapons from the front line in Donbas was also one of the main talking points.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/more-diplomatic-talks-to-stem-russia-s-war-in-ukraine-held-in-minsk-452295.html>

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/human-rights-in-occupied-ukraine-452265.html>

### **In Chernovtsy border detachment caught bribe, 08.07.2015**

July 8 documented the fact of the illegal benefits in the amount of 5 thousand. Euro deputy head of the Chernivtsi border detachment of the operative part.

As noted, the official demanded a bribe from his subordinate for failing to attract the latter to account for violations of the rules on implementing boundary service.

The subject of the crime found during a search of his office clerk. Given the evidence in the Unified Register of pre-trial investigations have information about a crime under h. 3 tablespoons. 368 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. Currently under urgent investigation (investigative) action.

<http://en.glavnoe.ua/news/n233342>

### **Corrupt prosecutor Korniiets can be released on bail at 3.2 million hryvnia, 08.07.2015**

Pechersk district court of Kyiv arrested the Deputy Prosecutor of the Kyiv region Oleksandr Korniiets and set a bail at 3.2 million hryvnia for him. Korniiets is suspected of receiving a bribe together with the Deputy Head of the PGO Investigation Department Volodymyr Shapakin. It was a closed-door session.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342963/corrupt\\_prosecutor\\_korniiets\\_can\\_be\\_released\\_on\\_bail\\_at\\_32\\_million\\_hryvnia](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342963/corrupt_prosecutor_korniiets_can_be_released_on_bail_at_32_million_hryvnia)

### **Corrupt prosecutor Shapakin to be released on bail, 09.07.2015**

As reported earlier, Deputy Prosecutor General Davit Sakvarelidze called the court's decision with regard to the detained suspects unjustified. A total of about \$ 500,000 in cash, as well as jewelry and securities were discovered during the arrest of the officials.

"The court took an absolutely unfounded decision devoid of any logic – a UAH 3 million bail was set regarding all detainees, which, definitely, is a miserable amount for people of such level!" Deputy Prosecutor General Davit Sakvarelidze noted.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1098852-corrupt-prosecutor-shapakin-to-be-released-on-bail.html>

## **SBU STARTS EVACUATION OF LOCALS NEAR MUKACHEVE, 12.07.2015**

"Considering the danger to the residents of the village where so-called fighters of the Right Sector barricaded themselves, evacuation of civilians has started, primarily of the children," the statement reads. As UNIAN reported earlier, nine people, including three passers-by, fell victim to the shootout in Mukacheve on Saturday, which happened with the involvement of members of the Right Sector organization. Three persons were killed in the incident. "A group of 15-20 armed men arrived at a facility connected with MP Mykhailo Lanyo, who had sobering experience from the [gangster] 90ies," Anton Gerashchenko, an adviser to Interior Minister earlier wrote. The Right Sector organization has also issued an official statement regarding the incident.

<http://x-news.com.ua/sbu-starts-evacuation-of-locals-near-mukacheve-45726/>

## **Arseniy Yatsenyuk meets with U.S. President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden in Washington, 13.07.2015**

In the framework of his visit to Washington, Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk met with U.S. President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden.

In his speech on the results of the first U.S.-Ukraine Business Forum the Prime Minister of Ukraine emphasized: "We appreciate the personal involvement of President Obama and Vice President Biden in the support for the Ukrainian people."

Arseniy Yatsenyuk has also underlined that the Ukraine's Government commends the support of both parties in the U.S. House and the Senate: "The whole American nation is united in maintaining the Ukrainian people, and we thank you." According to the Prime Minister, the first U.S.-Ukraine Business Forum is "just the first step": "We will get more if we will do more." "We have chosen the difficult but right path - to carry out sometimes painful, but necessary reforms and build up a base for the prosperous future of Ukraine," Arseniy Yatsenyuk pointed out.

[http://www.kmu.gov.ua/control/en/publish/article?art\\_id=248327155&cat\\_id=244314971](http://www.kmu.gov.ua/control/en/publish/article?art_id=248327155&cat_id=244314971)

## **TYMOSHENKO SEEKS TO HEAD AUDIT CHAMBER TO SUPERVISE NATIONAL BUDGET, 14.07.2015**

The new law on the Audit Chamber was adopted last week. The parliamentary quota in the chamber is nine seats, including three from the Batkivshchyna faction. The Batkivshchyna faction did not discuss its nominees on Monday, the source said.

According to the law adopted on July 2, the Audit Chamber supervises national budget receipts and spending on behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The Audit Chamber is accountable to the parliament and must regularly report about its performance.

The chairperson of the Chamber shall be nominated by the parliament speaker from among Chamber members and then shall be approved by the parliament.

<http://x-news.com.ua/tymoshenko-seeks-to-head-audit-chamber-to-supervise-national-budget-46928/>

## **Verkhovna Rada adopts Law "On local election", 14.07.2015**

The legislative act envisions major principles, organization and the order of holding of election of deputies to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regional, district, city, city district, village, village councils, and the election of village, small town and city heads. The Law excludes election blocs from the list of subjects of the election process. The Law allows parties registered not later than 365 days before the day of the election and the ones that were renamed not later than 180 days before the election to take part in the election. The Law introduces amendments into the Administrative Court Procedure Code of Ukraine, Laws of Ukraine "On local self-government in Ukraine," "On State register of voters," "On state procurements," "On status of local councils deputies," etc.

<http://rada.gov.ua/en/news/News/113642.html>

## **SBU detained 11 terrorists in Kharkiv and seized lots of weapons and explosives – Lubkivskiy, 14.07.2015**

The Security Service and Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine detained a group of saboteurs consisting of 11 persons in Kharkiv April 12-13. "Coordinator of the terrorists was the head of the Kharkiv organization "Oplot" Yevhen Zhylin. A large arsenal of weapons and means to carry out subversive acts, including RPG-7 rocket launchers, RPO-A rocket launchers, Kalashnikov assault rifles, under-barrel grenade launchers, Dragunov sniper rifle, handguns, including suppressed ones, time-controlled sticky bombs, sabotage mine for blowing up and ignition of fuel in tanks or to inflict damage to surface pipelines, grenades, a large quantity of plastic explosives and cartridges of various calibers for small arms, initiators, different tools and edged weapons were seized from the members of the group. All of this was delivered to Ukraine illegally," adviser to the head of the SBU wrote.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/photo\\_news/332544/sbu\\_detained\\_11\\_terrorists\\_in\\_kharkiv\\_and\\_seized\\_lots\\_of\\_weapons\\_and\\_explosives\\_lubkivskiy\\_photosvideo](http://en.censor.net.ua/photo_news/332544/sbu_detained_11_terrorists_in_kharkiv_and_seized_lots_of_weapons_and_explosives_lubkivskiy_photosvideo)

## **The Kiev court arrested two members of "Right Sector" participating in firefight in Mukachevo, 15.07.2015**

The Pechersky district court of Kiev arrested two fighters «Right Sector» , which participated in firefight in Mukachevo on September 11. «Just two court sessions over two mukachevsky patriots in Pechersky court of Kiev took place. From the representative of the organization hid time of a meeting and didn't allow our lawyers. Applied a measure of restraint to children - detention till September 11. Accuse under articles Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine 255 p.1 and 258 ch.2. Lawyers prepare the appeal» , - it is told in the message.

<https://news.pn/en/criminal/138350>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1100697-detained-right-sector-fighters-brought-to-kyiv.html>

<http://x-news.com.ua/pgo-four-right-sector-fighters-involved-in-mukacheve-incident-detained-47012/>

## **Ukrainian envoy to EU Yeliseyev appointed deputy Head of Presidential Administration, 15.07.2015**

"From now on Yeliseyev will be responsible for foreign policy in the Presidential Administration. The Head of State signed the decree on Yeliseyev's appointment as Deputy Head of the Administration," the report said. His predecessor Valeriy Chaly has started work as Ukrainian Ambassador to the U.S. after Poroshenko signed the decree on Chaly's appointment on July 10.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/278000.html>

## **Poroshenko appoints Moskal as Zakarpattia regional governor, 15.07.2015**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said that in the view of the latest developments in Mukacheve he had to urgently intervene and appoint Hennadiy Moskal, who up to that moment headed Luhansk Region Military and Civilian Administration, as Zakarpattia region governor.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/poroshenko-appoints-moskal-as-zakarpattia-regional-governor-393533.html>

## **Ukraine's Prosecutor General dismisses prosecutors suspected of bribery, 16.07.2015**

Based on the record by the PGO press solution, very first replacement principal of the primary examination division of the PGO Volodymyr Shapakin and also replacement prosecutor of the Kyiv area Oleksii Korniets were apprehended on July 05, as an outcome of an unique procedure. They were notified on being suspected of dedicating a criminal offense under Component 4, Post 368 of Ukraine's Lawbreaker Code (getting a perk) with the permission of a non-alternative 8 to 12 years jail time with the cancellation of right to govern, unique confiscation and also real property confiscation. The record checks out that the examination right into the situation is being carried out by the division of examinations versus workers of the prosecutors' workplaces and also info safety workplaces of the PGO, reporting to replacement prosecutor general Davit Sakvarelidze.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ukraines-prosecutor-general-dismisses-prosecutors-suspected-of-bribery/>



## **Rada votes to send President's bill of decentralization-related amendments to Constitutional Court, 16.07.2015**

The Verkhovna Rada voted to send the bill to the Constitutional Court to ensure that it corresponds with current laws, in particular Articles 157 and 158 of the current Constitution. According to Verkhovna Rada's procedure, after the bill is added to the agenda, MPs will adopt a resolution to send it to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine to receive conclusions on the bill's correspondence with the Constitution of Ukraine.

The conclusion is urgently distributed among MPs and sent to the president.

Afterwards, the parliament approves the bill at first reading with 226 votes being required for the bill to pass. A total of 300 MPs must vote in favor at the next session for the bill to be adopted completely.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/278357.html>

## **Acting consul general of Russian Federation in Odesa declared persona non grata and expelled from Ukraine, - SBU, 17.07.2015**

This was announced by the SBU press service. "According to article 23 of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations, Foreign Ministry of Ukraine presented a note to the Russian party with a request to acting consul general of the Russian Federation in Odesa to immediately leave the territory of our country," the message reads. As announced by the SBU head Vasyl Hrytsak, the decision was based on inconsistency of the consul's activities with diplomacy, and due to violation of provisions of the above mentioned convention. Hrytsak assured that the SBU continues to reveal foreigners who act against Ukraine covering themselves with their status.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/344222/acting\\_consul\\_general\\_of\\_russian\\_federation\\_in\\_odesa\\_declared\\_persona\\_non\\_grata\\_and\\_expelled\\_from\\_ukraine](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/344222/acting_consul_general_of_russian_federation_in_odesa_declared_persona_non_grata_and_expelled_from_ukraine)

## **RUSSIAN SHOCK THERAPY REFORMIST'S DAUGHTER TO WORK FOR SAAKASHVILI, 17.07.2015**

"All Ukrainians, all Europeans and all Russians are looking at Odesa. The successful changes in Odesa will influence the situation in the world," Gaidar said, Dumskaya wrote. "I want the Ukrainians to know that the Russian nation is not just the government. There are people who look at your country with hope," she said. According to Saakashvili, she will be in charge of social issues. Her official appointment should be enacted by President Petro Poroshenko in the near future.

<http://x-news.com.ua/russian-shock-therapy-reformists-daughter-to-work-for-saakashvili-47731/>

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/saakashvilis-new-deputy-gets-embarrassed-by-reporters-question/>

## **RADA UPHOLDS LOCAL ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN DONBAS, 17.07.2015**

By passing the resolution, the Verkhovna Rada scheduled the next elections of deputies of local councils and village, town and city mayors on Sunday, October 25, 2015, under Clause 30 of Article 85 of the Constitution of Ukraine. The resolution provides that no elections will be held in the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. The resolution also provides that the local elections will not be held in certain regions, cities, towns and villages of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which are located in the areas listed in a Verkhovna Rada resolution dated March 17, 2015, as the populated localities with special self-government status that are designated as temporarily occupied territory.

<http://x-news.com.ua/rada-upholds-local-elections-in-ukraine-controlled-territory-in-donbas-47761/>

## **MP associated with Mukacheve incident attempts to flee from country, 17.07.2015**

Vasyl Servatyuk, deputy head of the Boundary Guard Solution of Ukraine stated at a conference of a Parliament's short-term investigatory payment right into a Mukacheve incident that the MP altered his mind right at the boundary check factor: "At the Tisa checkpoint there was a regular ID check. The replacement altered his mind and also returned back to the Ukrainian area."

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/mp-involved-in-mukacheve-incident-tries-to-flee-from-country/>

### **Another suspect in high profile Prosecutors case released on UAH 3.2 mln bail, 17.07.2015**

Valery Hibalenko, an entrepreneur, that is the 3rd accused when it come to presumed bribery likewise including 2 high profile prosecutors, was released for UAH 3.2 million today and also released from safekeeping. Baseding on the resource, the stated quantity has actually been allegedly gathered by Hibalenko's family members and also moved to the suitable federal government account. Another suspect, previous very first replacement head of the primary examination division of the District attorney General's Workplace Volodymyr Shapakin was likewise released previously.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/another-suspect-in-high-profile-prosecutors-case-released-on-uah-3-2-mln-bail/>

### **AVAKOV TO SEND POLICE BACKUP TO CHERNIHIV TO PROVIDE FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS, 20.07.2015**

"On Monday, I'll be sending a special investigative operative police group to provide for legitimate elections process. Along with the task force. Not from among the local units. [Prevention of] Illegal campaigning, buying votes, violations during elections – this is the group's main task," According to the interior minister, provocations might occur on the elections night, involving aggressive young mobsters, also known as "titushki", hired by both key rival candidates. "Considering what's happening in Chernihiv region ... I am forced to ... distract hundreds of police officers ... and take a firm stance ahead of the day of the elections," Avakov wrote. The minister also called on the MPs, monitoring organizations and other NGOs to "get in contact with police and provide for a clean week with preventive measures amid this dirty elections marathon at the 205th constituency".

<http://x-news.com.ua/avakov-to-send-police-backup-to-chernihiv-to-provide-for-clean-elections-48174/>

### **SBU: Manies vehicles with contraband detained in ATO zone in two days, 20.07.2015**

In simply two days, police detained a number of lots vehicles that were going to the area managed by terrorists past checkpoints. Liquor, fake cigarettes, and also food, predestined for armed teams of terrorists and also unlawful sale to regional homeowners at filled with air costs, were taken. Regional shops in busy locations pay "tax obligations" to militants. Police detained 8 vehicles with meat items outside the well established checkpoints in the location of Shchastia in Luhansk area, an associate 2 tonnes of veggies near Triohizbenka of Donetsk area, and also associate 5 tonnes of meat near the town of Nelypivka of Donetsk area, as well as a big tons of poultry and also flavors near Heorhiyivka checkpoint. All vehicles were going towards militant-controlled areas without appropriate paperwork. Near Zaitseve checkpoint, a set of draft beer worth UAH 30,000 was taken, therefore avoiding its contraband to terrorists.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/sbu-dozens-of-vehicles-with-contraband-detained-in-ato-zone-in-two-days/>

### **SECURITY SERVICE OF UKRAINE DETAINED A GROUP OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN WIRETAPPING FORMER OPPOSITION, 20.07.2015**

According to the latest information, the equipment was smuggled to the territory of Ukraine with the direct involvement of Russian special services. The information about possible involvement of the former head of the Security Service Oleksandr Yakymenko in smuggling the equipment is being verified now. It has been determined that no analogue of such special interception system is available in Ukraine. This system was produced by a company controlled by the Russian special services and registered in New Zealand, the statement reads.

<http://utr.tv/en/news/hot-news/item/38069-security-service-of-ukraine-detained-a-group-of-people-involved-in-wiretapping-former-opposition-leaders.html>

### **Ambassador of Ukraine in the State Israel H.O.Nadolenko met with the Head of the Foreign Trade Administration of the Ministry of Economy of Israel Mr. O. Cohen, 20.07.2015**

During the meeting it was discussed the current state of bilateral trade between our countries and ways of its expansion, preparation for signing the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the State of Israel and holding the next meeting of the Joint Ukrainian-Israeli Commission on Trade and Economic cooperation.

<http://israel.mfa.gov.ua/en/press-center/news/38388-posol-ukrajini-v-derzhavi-izrajily-gonadolenkozustrivsyia-z-kerivnikom-administraciji-zovnishnyoji-torgivli-ministerstva-iekonomiki-izrajilyu-ohadom-kohenom>

### **Shokin: Security forces are to detain senior officials of Education Ministry, 21.07.2015**

"At this very moment, the PGO, the SBU, and the Interior Ministry are carrying out a special operation to detain senior officials of the Ministry of Education," he said.

"The management of the Ukrainian Center for Educational Quality Assessment has committed a serious crime," Shokin said. However, the Prosecutor General didn't elaborate, what crime had been committed.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/hmSIGv3DWU7LUxQ39CvWPC>

### **RIGHT SECTOR CONGRESS: NO-CONFIDENCE REFERENDUM, NO MINSK, NO LOCAL ELECTION, 21.07.2015**

The Congress, which gathered after a Mukacheve shooting incident involving the Right Sector, decided that the organization would also insist that the agenda of the plebiscite should include a question about rescinding the Minsk peace agreements and designating the ATO as war, and the legalization of the military volunteer movement. The Congress also decided that the Right Sector would not take part in the local election in Ukraine, scheduled for autumn.

Another decision taken at the Congress is that Right Sector leader and Member of Parliament Dmytro Yarosh would not give up his deputy mandate.

<http://x-news.com.ua/right-sector-congress-no-confidence-referendum-no-minsk-no-local-election-48960/>

### **Moskal names main supplier of cigarettes smuggled from Ukraine, 22.07.2015**

The results of the searches are being compiled together and will be announced later, but today, we can say that the main supplier of cigarettes, which are smuggled abroad, is Lviv Tobacco Factory," he said. "Some of the seized cigarettes are Belarusian, and this means that there is a "window" for the smugglers in Chernihiv region on the border with Belarus," Moskal said. He added that in order to boost up the fight against smuggling beyond checkpoints along Zakarpattia region, the checkpoints with customs officers, personnel of the State Border Guard Service, the Interior Ministry, the Security Service of Ukraine and the State Fiscal Service had been established on all four mountain passes, leading to the region.

<http://www.charter97.org/en/news/2015/7/22/160902/>

### **SBU prevents transfer of UAH 110 mln to Yanukovich son's company, 22.07.2015**

The employees of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) have blocked UAH 110 million in the State Treasury Service, which had to be received by MAKO Trading S.A. owned by Oleksandr Yanukovich, son of Ukraine's ousted ex-president.

<http://www.newsreality.com/post/sbu-prevents-transfer-of-uah-110-mln-to-yanukovich-sons-company.html>

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=1476822619259011&story\\_fbid=1599352447006027](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=1476822619259011&story_fbid=1599352447006027)

### **PGO: \$130,000 found during searches of senior Education Ministry officials, 22.07.2015**

"As a result of the searches, which were held both in the center and in the houses of the officials, we have found computer equipment, which, according to the preliminary investigation body, was used for the intervention in the system. We have also found funds in the amount of \$130,000, as well as certain correspondence, which gives reason to the preliminary investigation body to suspect these individuals of having committed specific corruption-related criminal offenses," Zalisko said. According to Deputy Prosecutor General, the committed crime is inherently sophisticated. "We have the fact of abuse of power by committing cybercrimes that requires appropriate examinations in order to determine how, in what form, and in what way the intervention in this system was committed," he said. According to Zalisko, the System of Education Quality Assessment was considered to be protected.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1103589-pgo-130000-found-during-searches-of-senior-education-ministry-officials.html>

### **Poroshenko appoints George Tuka Chairman of Luhansk Regional State Administration, 22.07.2015**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Wednesday signed a decree appointing George Tuka Chairman of the Luhansk Regional State Administration.

<http://charter97.org/en/news/2015/7/22/160937/comments/>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1103665-poroshenko-appoints-george-tuka-chairman-of-luhansk-regional-state-administration.html>

### **SBU CALLS ON PATRIOTS TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, 23.07.2015**

The SBU says it needs people, who really want to eradicate these disgraceful phenomena that undermine the foundations of the Ukrainian statehood. "Today, the SBU announced the start of recruiting campaign of the candidates for military service to fill vacant posts in the investigative units of regional bodies and departments, which are directly involved in carrying out special operations to combat illegal activities of military or armed groups, reconnaissance and sabotage groups, terrorist groups and terrorist organizations," the report says.

<http://x-news.com.ua/sbu-calls-on-patriots-to-join-fight-against-corruption-49720/>

### **Avakov suspends head of Mukacheve police, 24.07.2015**

"I ordered to send a comprehensive audit to Zakarpattia central board for a thorough check in all areas. I put suspended head of Mukacheve police for the period of inspection. Based on the verification of his work, we will make a decision, whether he can continue working or not," the report says. In addition, Avakov announced the beginning of recruiting people to join new patrol police in Zakarpattia region.

[http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main\\_news/63280/view/](http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main_news/63280/view/)

### **LANYO, INVOLVED IN MUKACHEVE SHOOTING, FLEES UKRAINE DUE TO MP IMMUNITY, 25.07.2015**

"Lanyo has fled Ukraine, having crossed the border in the southwest direction, adviser to the SBU chief Yuriy Tandit said on Friday. Lanyo earlier attempted to leave Ukraine on July 17, but then he was reported to have voluntarily changed his mind. Lanyo enjoys MP immunity and cannot be restricted in travels. His detention should be authorized by a respective motion by the Prosecutor General's Office, which needs to be approved by the Ukrainian parliament.

<http://x-news.com.ua/lanyo-involved-in-mukacheve-shooting-flees-ukraine-due-to-mp-immunity-50415/>

### **SBU exposes sponsors of Russian-backed terrorists in Donbas, 25.07.2015**

SBU subjected and also obstructed the procedures of a criminal team which produced the plan of funding of a DPR terrorist company. The frameworks produced by terrorist sponsors, gather "tax obligations" from regional companies, with component of these funds being assigned to fund unlawful armed teams. Among the participants of the team, a 30-year-old Torez regional pitched the gathered "tax obligations" to the supposed budget plan fund of the DPR.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/sbu-exposes-sponsors-of-russian-backed-terrorists-in-donbas/>

### **Fake stamps of election commissions revealed in Chernihiv, 25.07.2015**

Activists revealed silicone stamps, duplicating the stamps of constituency No 205 election commissions, transported in a passenger van, according to MP Ihor Lutsenko, who shared information on social networks. The passenger van was stopped and surrounded by activists. When asked about the revealed stamps, the driver claimed he had received instructions from his management to transport "the package" to a certain location, according to Lutsenko. However, the driver refused to name those who gave such instructions.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/verv1bbdkF8HY1oNCvmfc>

### **Mid-term elections start in Chernihiv (constituency No.205), 26.07.2015**

Kulich stepped down from office after his appointment as Chairman of Chernihiv Regional State Administration. A total of 127 candidates have registered to participate in the elections, and only eight of them represent political parties, while others are self-nominated candidates. A third of the candidates have a status of unemployed persons. It is reported that 36 candidates have withdrawn from participation in the elections.

A total of 91 candidates running for a parliamentary seat have been included in a ballot. The ballot paper stretches to about one meter. The election campaign in the mentioned constituency was rather tense. Among the main contestants are a pro-presidential candidate Serhiy Berezenko and former deputy chief of Dnipropetrovsk regional state administration Hennadiy Korban, nominated by a newly formed Ukrop party.

<http://x-news.com.ua/mid-term-elections-start-in-chernihiv-constituency-no-205-50969/>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1105170-additional-rada-election-in-chernihiv-759-of-protocols-processed.html>

### **viv Airport management accused of misappropriating state funds, 26.07.2015**

The SBU has actually avoided the management of Danylo Halytskyi International Airport Lviv from misappropriating state funds, the SBU press solution reported. Based on the record, the state business has actually bought 350.000 litres of gas worth an overall of UAH 5.84 million based upon the tender results. Later on, the authorities of the airport made changes to the agreement, in contrast to demands of the present regulation. After those modifications, the agreement worth enhanced, while the quantity of bought gas was decreased. The SBU private investigators have actually started criminal procedures under Component 4 of Short article 191 of the Lawbreaker Code of Ukraine.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/lviv-airport-management-accused-of-misappropriating-state-funds/>

### **RIGHT SECTOR PREPARING FOR NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE AGAINST GOVERNMENT – STRATFOR, 27.07.2015**

According to Yarosh, other issues will be included in the referendum, including the legal recognition and arming of volunteer militia units and the imposition of a blockade and martial law in the eastern conflict zone. "Yarosh did not give a specific date for the referendum, but said Right Sector would begin organizational efforts from July 22," Stratfor said. During a Right Sector-organized demonstration in Kyiv's Independence Square on July 21, an estimated 3,000-5,000 supporters rallied against the Ukrainian government.

<http://x-news.com.ua/right-sector-preparing-for-no-confidence-vote-against-government-stratfor-51267/>

### **Kiev Dumps Soviet Traditions to Make Its Army More 'NATO-Like', 27.07.2015**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has reportedly called for the introduction of new military ranks in his country's army. The Ukrainian army should see a spate of new military ranks, President Petro Poroshenko said, referring to the need to introduce what he touted as "new Ukrainian traditions," according to media reports.

<http://sputniknews.com/europe/20150728/1025119366.html>

### **SBU detains promoters of another self-styled pseudo republic, 27.07.2015**

The Safety Solution of Ukraine (SBU) determined and also apprehended a team of provocateurs that had actually been preparing to develop a supposed Kirovohrad Individuals's Republic" in main Ukraine, based on the SBU press solution.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/sbu-detains-promoters-of-another-self-styled-pseudo-republic/>

### **Yanukovych to be given notice of suspicion of treason, organized crime, 28.07.2015**

Prosecutor General of Ukraine Viktor Shokin says that Ukraine's Prosecutor General Office (PGO) will soon issue an official notice declaring former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych suspected of high treason and the creation of a criminal group.

[http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main\\_news/63411/view/](http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main_news/63411/view/)

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1105750-chief-prosecutor-announces-plans-to-arrest-former-regions-party-mps.html>

### **Two captured Russian soldiers to come before court in September – Ukraine officials, 28.07.2015**

Court hearings in the case of Yevgeny Yerofeyev and Aleksandr Aleksandrov, officers from Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU), earlier detained in Ukrainian Donbas by the Ukrainian troops, are scheduled for September, according to the SBUTweet. The SBU also noted that the detainees are held in normal conditions. *"There is a question to the Russian authorities: In what conditions are Ukrainian prisoners being held?"*

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/two-captured-russian-soldiers-to-come-before-court-in-september-ukraine-officials-464679.html>

### **Seven criminal cases initiated over shootout in Mukacheve, - SBU, 29.07.2015**

Seven criminal cases are currently being investigated. When it all started, the head of the SBU Vasyl Hrytsak came out with the statement and assured that the investigation will be transparent and impartial. We have guaranteed the security to the four detained persons, who are currently in custody in Kyiv. The criminal investigation is carried out within the limits of the law here," Tandit said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345649/seven\\_criminal\\_cases\\_initiated\\_over\\_shootout\\_in\\_mukacheve\\_sbu](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345649/seven_criminal_cases_initiated_over_shootout_in_mukacheve_sbu)

## **AVAKOV CALLS ON PRESIDENT TO INTRODUCE PROFESSIONAL ARMY, 30.07.2015**

"I am thinking about the waves of mobilization across the country. About the stupid actions of military commissioners who handout the summons for draft to random people on the streets of Kharkiv, about the smugglers in Zakarpattia region, who are being drafted... About the country's combat readiness, readiness of its Armed Forces in this difficult period." Avakov said that, considering how much effort and resources the state needs to organize the draft, considering uniform, the training of recruits from the level of an accountant to an average soldier; in view of the failure to have highly qualified fighters given current motivation and training of the drafted soldiers, "the Ukrainian army needs to be immediately transferred onto a professional contract basis, reducing the number of troops and increasing salaries and provision of real skilled military servicemen".

<http://x-news.com.ua/avakov-calls-on-president-to-introduce-professional-army-52777/>

## **Terrorism / Separatism**

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 01.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The fighting at and around Donetsk airport continued with increased intensity compared to previous days. The security situation within Shyrokyne deteriorated during the day. The fighting at and around Donetsk airport continued with increased intensity compared to the previous days. Between 9:03 and 13:00hrs, at the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) observation point at Donetsk central railway station ("Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled, 8km north-west of Donetsk city centre), the SMM heard and saw 168 explosions consistent with mainly mortar and tanks rounds. Of those, 109 explosions occurred north and north-west of Spartak and of Donetsk airport (both "DPR"-controlled), in the area between government-controlled and Opytne, Butrovska mine and Muraveynyk (both government-controlled) at a distance of 3-7km from the SMM position. Another 39 explosions occurred 10-15km north-east of the SMM position.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/168011>

### **Russian-backed militants mount dozens of attacks, 01.07.2015**

Ukrainian military spokesmen say Russian-backed militants over the past day attacked Ukrainian army positions and civilian areas in eastern Ukraine with the use of heavy weapons 53 times, attempting to provoke Ukrainian troops to violate the so-called truce.

Militants fired heavy mortars and grenade launchers.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/russian-backed-militants-mount-dozens-of-attacks-448272.html>

### **SBU: Donbas militants have no money to pay pensions, spontaneous protests looming, 01.07.2015**

"In April-May, the pensions were paid only at the expense of the funds received from the Russian Federation in the amount of about RUR 4.3 billion," the report says. According to the SBU, the budget of the self-proclaimed DPR militant organization has no funds for pension payments in June, which is estimated at almost RUR 1.9 billion, because of the delay of the so-called "Russian money tranches." This situation adversely affects the social and political conditions in the region, as a result of which spontaneous protests are staged from time to time.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1095550-sbu-donbas-militants-have-no-money-to-pay-pensions-spontaneous-protests-looming.html>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, ten wounded in conflict zone on Tuesday, 01.07.2015**

"In the previous day, we shed one Ukrainian soldier, and also one more ten were wounded as an outcome of armed forces clashes in the Donetsk industry," Lysenko stated. Russian-backed militants assaulted Ukrainian positions using hefty tools 53 times on Tuesday.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/one-ukrainian-soldier-killed-ten-wounded-in-conflict-zone-on-tuesday/>

### **Militants continue to fire on Shyrokyne, despite statements on demilitarization, 02.07.2015**

"A relative slowdown in militants' activity was rather short-term yesterday. By midnight, the militants violated the ceasefire more than 30 times along different sections of the demarcation line," the press center said in a report. The village of Pisky and the town of Maryinka were again under fire, militants were firing mortars of various calibers and grenade launchers, the report said. "In the same area, the militants fired 122mm howitzers on the village of Pervomaiske, as well as 120mm mortars on the villages of Slavne and Taramchuk," the press center wrote. In Luhansk region, the militants fired mortars, anti-tank systems, small arms and rocket-propelled grenades on the villages of Novotoshkivske, Stanytsia Luhanska, Krymske, and the town of Zolote. "In the direction of Mariupol, the Russian mercenaries fired tank shells and mortars on the village of Starohnativka. In addition, around midnight the militants fired 122mm and 152mm artillery systems on the outskirts of the village of Berdianske. At the same time, breaking their promises of demilitarization, the fighters of the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republic militant organizations continued to attack the village of Shyrokyne," the press center said.

<http://uazmi.com/news/post/f7cbZCR0KZOCe4calicOKA>

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342357/terrorists\\_used\\_banned\\_weapons\\_against\\_towns\\_and\\_villages\\_near\\_mariupol\\_the\\_intensity\\_of\\_the\\_attacks](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342357/terrorists_used_banned_weapons_against_towns_and_villages_near_mariupol_the_intensity_of_the_attacks)

### **Zakharchenko announces local elections in DPR "based on Ukrainian law", 02.07.2015**

The "local elections" are planned to be held on the entire territory of the DPR on October 18, 2015, under Clauses 4 and 12 of the Minsk agreements, according to a statement by DPR leader Oleksandr Zakharchenko. Heads of cities and districts should be elected during these elections, Zakharchenko said. No decision on the election of members of local councils has been made yet. Militants promise to keep the borders of the areas, cities, towns and villages, and polling stations, as well as the names and positions in local government unchanged "to ensure the foundations of the political settlement."

The announcement of the elections complies with Clauses 4 and 12 of the Minsk agreements, the militants claim.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1096031-zakharchenko-announces-local-elections-in-dpr-based-on-ukrainian-law.html>

### **No one killed over past day, four soldiers wounded, - ATO speaker, 02.07.2015**

"Over the past day no Ukrainian servicemen were killed, four were wounded near Donetsk and Horlivka," Lysenko said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342304/no\\_one\\_killed\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_four\\_soldiers\\_wounded\\_ato\\_speaker](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342304/no_one_killed_over_past_day_four_soldiers_wounded_ato_speaker)

### **Only few militant attacks on Ukrainian army overnight, 03.07.2015**

"The militants fired small arms on the positions of Ukrainian troops near the village of Rozsadka in Donetsk region," the report says. Another case of violation of the Minsk agreements by the illegal armed groups took place near the village of Triokhizbenka in Luhansk region. At about 01:00, the Russian mercenaries fired 152mm cannons on the outskirts of the village. "Despite a relative slowdown in militants' activity, the Ukrainian armed forces continue building up a set of measures to improve our defense. The fortification of areas, front lines and positions on most sections has been almost completed," the press center said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1096463-only-few-militant-attacks-on-ukrainian-army-overnight.html>

### **Terrorists shelled Ukrainian army positions three times since midnight, - ATO press center, 03.07.2015**

"Since midnight until 6 a.m. in the ATO area, only three firings of Ukrainian army positions have been recorded. The terrorists opened fire from small arms at the positions of Ukrainian troops near the village of Rozsadky in the Donetsk region," the report reads. According to the headquarters, another case of violation of the Minsk agreements by the illegal armed units occurred in the area of Triokhizbenka, where at approximately 1 a.m. pro-Russian separatists carried out shelling of the village neighborhoods using 152-mm guns.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342390/terrorists\\_shelled\\_ukrainian\\_army\\_positions\\_three\\_times\\_since\\_midnight\\_ato\\_press\\_center](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342390/terrorists_shelled_ukrainian_army_positions_three_times_since_midnight_ato_press_center)

### **"On the eve of Minsk talks militants cynically decided to return empty and destroyed Shyrokyne" - Ukrainian General, 03.07.2015**

"The cynicism of the situation lies in the fact that before the next negotiations in Minsk the militants defiantly decided to return the destroyed and deserted Shyrokyne to Ukraine, positioning the decision as compliance with the Minsk Agreement," Head of the Ukrainian side of the JCCC, Major General Andrii Taran stated. Now this strip of land packed with "iron" - destroyed houses, disrupted utilities, with unexploded mines set by CADR militants everywhere.  
[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342380/on\\_the\\_eve\\_of\\_minsk\\_talks\\_militants\\_cynically\\_decided\\_to\\_return\\_empty\\_and\\_destroyed\\_shyrokyne\\_ukrainian](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342380/on_the_eve_of_minsk_talks_militants_cynically_decided_to_return_empty_and_destroyed_shyrokyne_ukrainian)

### **ATO personnel: situation in Donbas controlled, attack near Schastia repelled, 04.07.2015**

"Beginning with 21:00 Kyiv time on July 3, the militants had actually been shelling the ATO pressures near the town of Novotoshkivske with using 120mm-caliber coverings for 2 hrs. At 22:00, the exact same tools were utilized to attack the town of Novhorodske (Donetsk area) for a hr," the record stated. Russian-backed pressures likewise tried to prompt Ukrainian armed forces right into return fire by introducing assaults on the towns of Stanytsia Luhanska, Maryinka, Krasnohorivka, Mayorsk, Rozsady, and also Troyitske. "The tensest situation was near the town of Opytne. Our soldiers there were continuously under fire from different kinds of tools and also sniper fire. Beginning with 20:40 Kyiv time, Russian-backed intruders had actually been shooting from an infantry battle automobile on the location of the ATO pressures near the town of Pisky (near the ruined Donetsk flight terminal). Opponent fire was swiftly reduced with the fire of tools not prohibited under by the Minsk contracts," the record stated.  
<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ato-staff-situation-in-donbas-under-control-attack-near-schastia-repelled/>

### **Militants fire banned weapons on ATO troops near Schastia, Pisky overnight, 05.07.2015**

"At 20:00 Kyiv time, militants were firing 120mm mortars on the positions of the Ukrainian army near the town of Schastia for half an hour. From 21:10 to midnight, Russian-backed illegal armed groups were firing 120mm mortars and small arms on the Ukrainian troops near the villages of Stanytsia Luhanska and Novhorodske. At 21:30, they started firing 120mm incendiary mines on the positions of the Ukrainian armed forces near the village of Pisky [close to the destroyed Donetsk airport]," the press center said. In addition, the Ukrainian troops near the towns of Avdiyivka and Maryinka, and the villages of Starohnativka, Krymske, Opytne, the Donetsk airport and other nearby locations were under enemy fire from small arms. During this period, the Ukrainian army recorded 10 reconnaissance overflights by enemy drones along the demarcation line, the ATO headquarters said.  
<http://www.unian.info/war/1097032-militants-fire-banned-weapons-on-ato-troops-near-schastia-pisky-overnight.html>

### **Five Ukrainian servicemen killed, 10 more wounded near Luhansk, 05.07.2015**

In the past 24 hours five servicemen were killed in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in southeastern Ukraine, Ukrainian presidential spokesman for ATO Oleksandr Motuzianik announced.

<https://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/five-ukrainian-servicemen-killed-10-more-wounded-near-luhansk-on-july-4-392765.html>

### **Kyiv claims new attacks on Ukrainian positions in Donbas, 06.07.2015**

Shooting at positions of Ukrainian servicemen continues in the military operation zone in Donbas, Ukrainian presidential administration speaker Andriy Lysenko said.

"There was resistance in the Luhansk direction yesterday... it erupted near the Stanytsia Luhanska and Schastia villages. Exchange of fire of various intensity continued almost throughout the day. Two civilians were injured in Schastia village. There are two more hot spots – Krymske and Zolote," As for the Donetsk area, positions of Ukrainian servicemen came under fire near Svitlodarsk and battle actions continue at a wide section from Avdiyivka to Maryinka, he said. A considerable share of enemy's weapons is in this area and is being used actively, Lysenko said. "Due to this, residential settlements within 5-10km of the battle line come under fire," he said. Provocations occurred in Mykolaivka, Starohnativka and Chermalyk from the direction of Mariupol. Heavy mortar and howitzer equipment was used during attacks and three unmanned aircraft were registered as well, he said.

<http://ukrnews.today/kyiv-claims-new-attacks-on-ukrainian-positions-in-donbas/>



### **ATO Headquarters: situation in Donbas stable, 06.07.2015**

The number of attacks on the positions of Ukrainian government forces by Russia-backed militants significantly reduced starting midnight to 6:00 today, on July 6, the military officials report. Small firearms were fired on several occasions toward Krymskoye and Avdiivka, and one enemy drone was spotted over the Luhansk region.

On July 5, from 18:00 to 24:00, Russian-terrorist forces brought Ukrainian troops under fire over 20 times. Also, two reports came of the militants using weapons, prohibited under the ceasefire agreement signed in Minsk this February.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1097180-ato-headquarters-situation-in-donbas-stable.html>

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 06.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The SMM observed a lower number of incidents at and around the Donetsk airport on 5 July, as compared to previous days. The SMM brokered a ceasefire, paving the way for demining and repair works on a water pipeline near the line of contact, between Maiorsk and Horlivka. The SMM visited Shyrokyne, confirming the withdrawal of "DPR" forces and severe destruction, especially in the southern part of the village.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/170456>

### **Ukrainian soldiers successfully repulsed militants' attack near Bohdanivka at Mariupol direction, - ATO press-center, 06.07.2015**

The report reads: "Two groups of militants' infantry consisting of 10-15 people each were trying to storm the ATO forces' positions using small arms. The battle lasted from 5.50 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The losses of the attackers are specified. The situation in the ATO area is controlled by the Ukrainian military!"

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342781/ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_successfully\\_repulsed\\_militants\\_attack\\_near\\_bohdanivka\\_at\\_mariupol\\_direction\\_ato](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342781/ukrainian_soldiers_successfully_repulsed_militants_attack_near_bohdanivka_at_mariupol_direction_ato)

### **Terrorists shelled Ukrainian army positions from 120-mm mortars, - ATO press center, 07.07.2015**

After a relative calm, the pro-Russian gangs intensified their activities along the demarcation line since 6:00 p.m. till midnight. During that time, they shelled the ATO forces positions 26 times. Of these, four times were with 120-mm mortars, prohibited by the Minsk agreements," the report reads.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342807/terrorists\\_shelled\\_ukrainian\\_army\\_positions\\_from\\_120mm\\_mortars\\_ato\\_press\\_center](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342807/terrorists_shelled_ukrainian_army_positions_from_120mm_mortars_ato_press_center)

### **Militants launch over 7,000 attacks during ceasefire - Defense Ministry, 07.07.2015**

"From February 15 and until now, the militants launched 7,398 attacks," Fedychev said. In particular, according to the Defense Ministry representative, the militants launch 154 attacks using multiple rocket launcher systems, 614 attacks using self-propelled 152mm and 122mm artillery systems, 2398 attacks using 120mm mortars, and 271 attacks using tanks. Fedychev noted that for six months 124 clashes between the terrorists and the ATO forces had occurred, and 190 localities, on the territory controlled by Ukraine, had been shelled.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/ggaenw8eRA6xSuBRF1e54q>

### **Militants increasingly firing on their own positions, 07.07.2015**

"The command of the ATO forces said that the Russian-terrorist troops were firing in the direction of their own positions more often. The main goal of these attacks is to discredit the Ukrainian military and accuse them of violating the ceasefire," he said.

According to Hutsuliak, the militants constantly provoke Ukrainian troops to return fire.

However, the Ukrainian soldiers effectively suppress the firing points of the Russian-terrorist gangs with machine guns and grenade launchers. "The ATO command says that the Ukrainian military strictly observe the Minsk agreements and fire on the militants only in case of a direct threat to the life of Ukrainian soldiers or civilians in Donbas. At the same time, the Ukrainian armed forces only use the allowed weapons," the press officer said.

<http://ukrnews.today/militants-increasingly-firing-on-their-own-positions/>

### **"DPR" terrorists acknowledge using drone jammers, - OSCE, 07.07.2015**

OSCE Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug held a meeting with the so-called "DPR minister of defense" on July 7 in Donetsk. "The "DPR minister of defense" admitted that the DPR had at their disposal sophisticated equipment for jamming unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's)," the report reads.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342846/dpr\\_terrorists\\_acknowledge\\_using\\_drone\\_jammers\\_osce](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/342846/dpr_terrorists_acknowledge_using_drone_jammers_osce)

### **'Large-scale exchange of POWs is sabotaged by the adversary,' says Ukraine, 07.07.2015**

Militants have been sabotaging the process of detainee exchange, the speaker of the Presidential Administration Andrii Lysenko said at a traditional Monday briefing while answering journalists' questions. "The adversary does not cooperate. Large-scale exchange does not take place. The Ukrainian side has been trying to initiate these exchanges, but we have not seen response from the opponent in the past six weeks," – said Lysenko.

<http://ukrnews.today/large-scale-exchange-of-pows-is-sabotaged-by-the-adversary-says-ukraine/>

### **ATO press center reports about escalation in Donbas on Tuesday, 07.07.2015**

Twenty-nine assaults on the ATO pressures were signed up since 18:00 Kyiv time on that particular day, journalism center stated. "Pro-Russian mobsters have actually coldly been shelling the locations of the protectors of Ukraine, utilizing 152mm-caliber weapons systems and also 120mm-caliber mortars," journalism center composed.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ato-press-center-reports-about-escalation-in-donbas-on-tuesday/>

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 07.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The SMM continued to observe ceasefire violations at and around the Donetsk airport. The situation around Shyrokyne was calm. The SMM continued to facilitate demining and repairs at a major water pipeline between Maiorsk and Horlivka. The situation at and around Donetsk airport was tense. Between 07:30 and 17:30hrs, at the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) observation point at Donetsk central railway station ("Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled, 8km north-west of Donetsk city centre), the SMM heard over 60 explosions, consistent with incoming and outgoing mortar fire, as well as bursts consistent with small-arms, automatic grenade launcher, heavy machine-gun (HMG) and anti-aircraft gun fire. The SMM assessed that the explosions occurred at locations to the north-east, north, north-west and west at distances between 3 and 8km from its position.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/170596>

<http://www.osce.org/om/170606>

### **Russia to send 32nd "humanitarian" convoy to occupied Donbas on July 16, 08.07.2015**

"The [departure of the] next convoy of Russia's Emergency Ministry is scheduled for July 16, 2015," Deputy Minister Vladimir Artamonov announced at the Russian Federation's Council of Federation. He claims that the trucks of this convoy will deliver "food, medicines, equipment, other than principal items" to the occupied territories. The total weight of the cargo will exceed 1,000 tonnes. "This will be convoy No. 32," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1098151-russia-about-to-send-32nd-humanitarian-convoy-to-occupied-donbas-on-july-16.html>

### **9,000 Russian servicemen stationed in Donbas - General Staff, 08.07.2015**

Spokesperson for the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Vladyslav Selezniiov announced this. "According to data of the General Staff, about nine thousand servicemen of the regular armed forces of the Russian Federation are stationed on the temporarily occupied territory of Donbas," he said. He also reported that about thirty thousand militants stayed in the territories, temporarily controlled by the so-called "DPR" and "LPR." "They are mercenaries, pro-Russian activists and local outcasts," Selezniiov said, adding that about 45 thousand Russian troops are located near the border with Ukraine.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/bq3f90JAR4L5MQfMHIP6ou>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, three wounded in ATO, 08.07.2015**

Russia-backed militants fired on Kamaz truck of the Ukrainian armed forces in the village of Lopaskyne in Luhansk region on July 7, killing one soldier and wounding another three, the press service of Governor of Luhansk Region Hennadiy Moskal said on Wednesday.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/bELC6mUTPdwJvXgQdatuDS>

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343006/two\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_10\\_wounded\\_ato\\_speaker](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343006/two_soldiers_killed_over_past_day_10_wounded_ato_speaker)

### **Militants fire Grad rockets on Hranitne, 09.07.2015**

In particular, starting 19:30, they was a shelling of the ATO positions, that lasted for two hours, near the village of Krymske in Luhansk region. The militants also fired 120mm and 82mm mortar rounds, [attacked from] infantry fighting vehicles, and [fired] small arms, the press center said. "The armed provocations by militants took place near the villages of Opytne, Pisky, Vodiane, Verkhniotoretske, and the town of Avdiyivka in Donetsk region, as well as in the village of Stanytsia Luhanska in Luhansk region," the report reads.

<http://ukrnews.today/militants-fire-grad-rockets-on-hranitne/>

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 09.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The SMM continued to observe ceasefire violations at and around the Donetsk airport. The SMM assessed damage in a number of places following shelling incidents. Positioned at the "Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled Donetsk railway station (8km north-west of Donetsk) between 08:40 and 12:30hrs, the SMM heard the sound of 26 mortar rounds – three incoming, four outgoing and 19 undetermined – at a distance of 3-6km to the north, north-north-east, north-east, and south-east. At the same location between 17:12 and 18:30hrs, the SMM heard and in some cases also saw 78 incoming mortar or artillery rounds at distances of between 3-8km to the north, north-north-west, north-west and west; and, 62 outgoing mortar or artillery rounds at distances of between 3-5km to the north-west, west and south-west.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/171186>

### **Two Ukrainian soldiers killed, ten wounded in conflict zone in last day, 10.07.2015**

"Over the last day, we have lost two Ukrainian soldiers, and another ten were injured as a result of military clashes," Lysenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1099290-two-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-ten-wounded-in-conflict-zone-in-last-day.html>

### **After 'humanitarian convoy' arrival firing in Donbas has intensified, 10.07.2015**

Militants attacks of ATO forces in the Donbas have intensified. Over the past day 65 attacks have been recorded. "Russian-terrorist forces have intensified attacks on the ATO forces of, which is connected with the arrival of another so-called "humanitarian" convoy with ammunition, weapons and manpower," Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

According to him, 32 shelling have been recorded in Debaltsevo direction.

[http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/after-humanitarian-convoy-firing-in-donbas-has-intensified-390\\_.html](http://mw.ua/UKRAINE/after-humanitarian-convoy-firing-in-donbas-has-intensified-390_.html)

<http://time-ua.com/en/news/politics/12727-situation-in-ato-area-escalates>

### **OSCE: Settlements near Shyrokyne in danger, 10.07.2015**

"The militants of the DPR have set up new defensive positions on the militant-controlled road to Sakhanka. They are firing on the inhabitants of this village and the nearby villages of Berdianske and Sopyne," Hug said. "We also saw massive destructions, especially the southern part of the village. Up to 80% of the civilian houses there and infrastructure are damaged often beyond repair," Hug said. According to the OSCE official, the entire village is polluted with unexploded ordinances. Hug said that the OSCE SMM did not observe any DPR presence in the village.

<http://ukrnews.today/osce-settlements-near-shyrokyne-in-danger/>

<http://ukrnews.today/osce-up-to-80-of-civilian-houses-in-shyrokyne-damaged-beyond-repair/>

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 11.07.2015**

There was a high level of violence at and around the Donetsk airport. Between 08:00 and 17:45hrs, at the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) observation point at Donetsk central railway station ("Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled, 8km north-west of Donetsk city centre), the SMM heard 617 instances of weapons fire, including tank, anti-aircraft gun, heavy machine gun, automatic grenade launcher and small arms. This firing was heard 2 - 9km north, north-east and north-west of the SMM's position. The situation in and around Shyrokyne (20km east of Mariupol) remained mostly calm. The SMM did not observe any military actions in the morning. In the afternoon, from its observation point located on the eastern outskirts of Berdianske (government-controlled, 1.5km west of Shyrokyne), the SMM heard three undetermined distant explosions north of its position. From its observation point located 4.5km north-west Shyrokyne the SMM heard small arms fire around five kilometres east of its position – to the north of Shyrokyne.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/171856>

### **Gang clashes in Zakarpattia: Two police cars blown up, four civilians injured, 11.07.2015**

Criminal gangs using grenade launchers have blown up two police cars, wounded three police officers and four civilians in the town of Mukacheve in Zakarpattia region on Saturday. "A special operation is under way in Zakarpattia region to block, disarm and arrest a criminal gang, which has attacked a civil facility in Mukacheve," the minister wrote on Saturday. First aid is being given to the injured. One civilian and one police officer are in critical condition, according to the minister. The attackers are now surrounded and offered to surrender.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1099663-gang-clashes-in-zakarpattia-two-police-cars-blown-up-four-civilians-injured.html>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1099872-mutual-accusations-by-police-and-right-sector-of-opening-live-fire.html>

<http://x-news.com.ua/conflict-in-mukacheve-local-problem-of-nationwide-scale-47224/>

### **Fighting intensifies in eastern Ukraine ahead of talks, 12.07.2015**

The upsurge in fighting, particularly around Donetsk, was reported as the German, French, Ukrainian and Russian foreign ministers prepared to meet in Berlin late on Monday to try to clear the way for the proposed summit in Astana, Kazakhstan, on January. 15. Ukraine's army and pro-Russian separatists in the country's east both reported an increase in fighting since last Friday, with a particularly heavy artillery attack near Donetsk overnight on Sunday. Both sides deny responsibility for the escalation.

Over the past four days, at least eight Ukrainian troops have been killed in a series of mortar and rocket attacks on Ukrainian army posts in Donetsk and Lugansk, Ukrainian military spokesmen said. "Unfortunately, the situation in the [conflict] zone has significantly worsened," Serhiy Pashynsky, chairman of Ukraine's Committee on National Security and Defence, told journalists on Monday. He claimed that pro-Russia rebel forces — some local and some foreign — now "greatly exceed" the number of Ukrainian troops on the ground for the first time.

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/47ab1584-9a7f-11e4-8426-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3qRGJh2aH>

<http://hj.com.ua/two-ukrainian-troops-killed-in-action-five-wounded-in-ato-in-last-day-5211/>

### **Militants fire 122mm howitzers, 120mm mortars on Avdiyivka's suburbs, 13.07.2015**

Utilizing 122mm weapons systems, 120mm mortars and also storage tanks, the militants generally were energetic after dark. They terminated mortars on ATO pressures near the towns of Kamianka, Opytne, Pisky, and also Novotoshivske. They likewise discharged weapons systems on Ukrainian military locations near the town of Verkhniotoretske. Based on the record, Russia-backed militants likewise terminated mortars and also little arms on ATO pressures near the communities of Avdiyivka and also Zolote, in addition to the towns of Lozove and also Stanytsia Luhanska. Since 06:00 Kyiv time on July 13, the militants had actually currently terminated 120mm mortars on the locations of the Ukrainian militaries near the towns of Verkhniotoretske, Troyitske, and also Mayiorske. Additionally, they discharged 122mm weapons systems on the community of Hirnyk in Donetsk area. At the exact same time, pro-Russian gangs proceed shooting weapons systems on suburbs in Donbas communities.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/militants-fire-122mm-howitzers-120mm-mortars-on-avdiyivkas-residential-areas/>

[http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=da8\\_1426421554](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=da8_1426421554)

## **Russia Has Deployed A Record Number Of Troops Near the Ukrainian Border – Poroshenko, 13.07.2015**

"We have information about a record number of Russia's Armed Forces deployed along Ukrainian border. This information comes not only from our intelligence, but is confirmed by NATO, the United States, and the EU"- said Poroshenko. He added that the Armed Forces of Ukraine have significantly improved their readiness.

"Today in ATO area we have over 64,000 soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine deployed. Additionally we have National Guard, we have the Security Service, the border guards. We have much more military equipment there,"- said the President.

<http://ukraineunderattack.org/en/22900-russia-has-deployed-a-record-number-of-troops-near-the-ukrainian-border-poroshenko.html>

## **OSCE: Militants massing military hardware near Mariupol, 13.07.2015**

"SMM unmanned airborne cars (UAV) remained to note focus of military hardware around "Donetsk Individuals's Republic" ("DPR")-managed Komsomolske (76km north-east of Mariupol), keeping in mind 6 primary fight storage tanks (MBTs), 41 armored workers providers (APCs) and also greater than 40 military vehicles of various kinds," checks out the upgrade. In "DPR"-regulated Bezimenne (30km eastern of Mariupol), the UAV noted 3 MBTs, 28 APCs and also 30 military vehicles, the upgrade stated. In Luhansk area, the SMM noted 6 primary fight storage tanks (MBT T-72) and also one MBT (T-64) in government-controlled locations of Luhansk, while in "Luhansk Individuals's Republic" ("LPR")-managed locations of Luhansk the SMM viewed 2 MBTs (T-64).

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/osce-militants-massing-military-hardware-near-mariupol/>

## **Right Sector sets up roadblock at Kyiv-Zhytomyr highway to check trucks, 13.07.2015**

"The roadblock was set up at the 5th km of the Kyiv-Zhytomyr highway the day before and there has been a shift change at this roadblock recently. About 20 people are currently on duty, each being fully equipped: bullet-proof vests, helmets and a pair of binoculars. I personally saw Molotov cocktails prepared – 'just in case,' as the fighters said. They also have weapons, the quantity and type of weapons is not disclosed," the correspondent said. In addition, one of the "senior fighters" at the roadblock announced that the organization had a specific plan of actions. "One of the tasks, according to this plan, is to narrow the Zhytomyr highway with the three lanes to only one and to inspect every truck and van on suspicion of ammunition transportation," according to the correspondent. It is reported that the Right Sector fighters intended to block traffic on the highway when reinforcements for the police or the National Guard are to be moving "from Kyiv in the direction of Zhytomyr and Mukacheve."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1100066-right-sector-sets-up-roadblock-at-kyiv-zhytomyr-highway-to-check-trucks.html>

<http://world.korupciya.com/2015/07/13/armed-right-sector-standoff-in-western-ukraine-lives-updates-video/>

<http://hj.com.ua/right-sector-fighters-allegedly-take-boy-hostage-in-western-ukraine-5504/>

## **Donbas Battalion: Shyrokyne may be surrendered when all eyes on Mukacheve, 13.07.2015**

Ukrainian army commanders are preparing the ground for the surrender of the village of Shyrokyne, which is near the Ukrainian-controlled city of Mariupol, to Russia-backed militants, while the public attention is focused on developments in the western Ukrainian town of Mukacheve in Zakarpattia, Donbas Battalion commander Anatoliy Vynohrodskiy wrote. "The events in Mukacheve happened in "due" time."

[http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main\\_news/62697/view/](http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main_news/62697/view/)

## **Bomb explodes at Lviv police station, one policeman seriously injured, 14.07.2015**

An explosion hit a police station on Pluhova Street in Lviv at about 09:00 local time on Tuesday, Head of the press service of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry in Lviv region Svitlana Dobrovolska told. A police lieutenant received multiple shrapnel wounds to the head and body. He was hospitalized in critical condition, she said.

According to preliminary reports, the explosion occurred as a result of the triggering of a booby trap device fixed to the door of the police station.

[http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main\\_news/62777/view/](http://www.fm-tv.kiev.ua/main_news/62777/view/)

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1100764-right-sector-denies-involvement-in-lviv-bombings.html>

### **Ukraine army ready for any scenario amid escalation in Donbas, 14.07.2015**

Particularly, the militants terminated 152mm and also 122mm weapons systems 5 times, 120mm mortars were utilized 32 times. The adversary likewise involved storage tanks and also several rocket launchers. "From 18:00 to 24:00 Kyiv time on Monday, the militants were shelling prepared locations of the Ukrainian soldiers near the communities of Avdiyivka, Maryinka, Krasnohorivka, and also the towns of Opytne, Novhorodske, Maiorske, Pisky, Vodiane, Leninske, Khimik in the Donetsk industry," the record stated. It was instead peaceful in the Luhansk and also Mariupol industries. The militants shelled ATO pressures near the town of Krymske. The town of Shyrokyne, which lies near the Ukrainian-controlled city of Mariupol and also which has actually just recently been left by militants, was under opponent sniper fire, the ATO press facility stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ukraine-army-ready-for-any-scenario-amid-escalation-in-donbas/>

### **Eight Ukrainian soldiers killed, 16 wounded yesterday, - ATO speaker, 15.07.2015**

Over the past day, 8 Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 16 received injuries in combat activities, said the Presidential Administration representative on ATO matters, Colonel Andrii Lysenko. According to him, 5 Ukrainian soldiers were killed while performing tasks on check-up of barrier mine fields near the Ukrainian-Russian border in Stanytsia Luhanska district.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343953/eight\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_16\\_wounded\\_yesterday\\_ato\\_speaker](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/343953/eight_ukrainian_soldiers_killed_16_wounded_yesterday_ato_speaker)

### **Russia sends 32nd 'humanitarian convoy' to Ukraine, 15.07.2015**

Russia has announced another so-called 'humanitarian convoy' to Ukraine. Moscow claims the trucks are carrying aid for people in Ukraine's Donbas region. It is the 32nd such convoy that has crossed into Ukraine without permission from the Ukrainian government. It has previously said that Ukrainian border guards were only permitted to carry out visual inspections from behind a fence.

The Russian ministry said the convoy of over 100 vehicles is carrying more than 1,000 tonnes of humanitarian aid, including food and medicine.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/russia-sends-32nd-humanitarian-convoy-to-ukraine-456531.html>

### **Donbas conflict worsens as Russian proxies dare fire artillery on civilians, 16.07.2015**

"From 18:00 to 24:00 Kyiv time on Wednesday, unlawful armed teams assaulted Ukrainian soldiers regarding 60 times, utilizing prohibited tools 33 times," the record checks out. Basing on the ATO press facility, Russian proxies discharged 152mm artillery systems, intentionally focused on the town of Kodema near Artemivsk in Donetsk area, which caused casualties amongst civilians. Nevertheless, the blog did not clarify on the casualty. Additionally, basing on journalism facility, Russian-backed militants terminated 152mm and also 122mm artillery systems 7 times on ATO pressures, utilized 120mm mortars 31 times, and also storage tanks 9 times. "Ukrainian soldiers near the community of Avdiyivka and also the towns of Novhorodske, Verkhniotoretske, Opytne, Kirove, Pershe Travnia, Leninske, Mykolaivka 2, Maorske, Starohnativka were under adversary thick fire," journalism facility stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/donbas-conflict-worsens-as-russian-proxies-dare-fire-artillery-on-civilians/>

### **OSCE ignores calls to check militants' masked weapons – military official, 16.07.2015**

SMM of OSCE fails to respond to the calls of the Ukrainian side to examine locations in militant-occupied Donbas territories where heavy weapons are believed to be hidden, according to the media and communications department of Ukraine's Defense Ministry.

<http://www.newsreality.com/post/osce-ignores-calls-to-check-militants-masked-weapons-military-official.html>

<http://www.unian.info/war/1101678-osce-ignores-calls-to-check-militants-masked-weapons-military-official.html>

### **MILITANTS ATTACK UKRAINIAN TROOPS MORE THAN 60 TIMES OVERNIGHT, 17.07.2015**

Situation in Donbas remains tense. The Russian-backed forces attacked Ukrainian army positions and civilian areas in eastern Ukraine more than 60 times in the last day, using banned weapons 23 times. Ukraine's military say militants used 152mm and 122mm artillery, 120mm mortars, as well as tanks.

<http://utr.tv/en/news/politics/item/37824-pro-russian-bandit-formations-violate-minsk-agreements.html>

### **Number of OSCE observers in Ukraine may be doubled, 17.07.2015**

"A total of 504 observers of the OSCE SMM are now working in Ukraine, but I hope that this number will be increased up to 600 persons. And if the OSCE observers have the opportunity to get to the territories, where they could not get earlier, we will increase their number up to 1,000 persons," - OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić said on Friday during a joint press conference with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1102021-number-of-osce-observers-in-ukraine-may-be-doubled.html>

### **OSCE RECORDS ARRIVAL OF ARMED MEN IN DONBAS FROM RUSSIA, 17.07.2015**

This was announced by the deputy head of the mission Alexander Hug at a briefing in Kyiv.

"This week we have recorded armed men in uniform, who crossed the border toward Ukraine through the Marynivka checkpoint being under the "DPR" control by a minibus with the registration numbers of the so-called "DPR" and a logo of the Vostok battalion," he said.

According to Hug, an OSCE drone revealed a cluster of military equipment in terrorists-controlled Komsomolsk and to the south from the demarcation line. A Strela anti-aircraft missile system was also found by observers in the same area. No comments on the above have been received so far from the militants. Russia denies its involvement in military activities in some parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

<http://utr.tv/en/news/politics/item/37931-osce-records-arrival-of-armed-men-in-donbas-from-russia.html>

<http://www.unian.info/war/1102176-russia-orchestrated-militants-in-donbas-amount-to-34000-defense-ministry.html>

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 18.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of Measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements." Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The SMM observed that the number of ceasefire violations at and around Donetsk airport decreased. In Shyrokyne no ceasefire violations were observed. The repair at the water pipeline north-west of Horlivka was suspended due to ceasefire violations. The SMM in Kyiv as well as on the crash site in Hrabove observed a minute of silence in honour of the victims of the downing of Malaysian Airline Flight MH17. The level of violence at and around the destroyed "Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled airport (12km north-west of Donetsk) continued to decrease as already observed during previous days. Positioned at the "DPR"-controlled central railway station (8km north-west of Donetsk) between 08:00 and 15:22hrs, the SMM heard 20 explosions, out of which 13 were consistent with mortar rounds (82mm and 120mm) incoming, while seven were undetermined, at locations ranging from 1 to 5.6km and from the north-north-east to the west of the SMM's position.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/173446%20>

### **ATO upgrade: Fighting escalating in Donbas, 18.07.2015**

From 18:00 to 24:00 Kyiv time on Friday, unlawful armed teams assaulted Ukrainian soldiers greater than 60 times, utilizing prohibited tools 20 times," the record checks out.

At 21:00 Kyiv time on July 17, pro-Russian hirelings began shooting 120mm mortars on suburbs of the community of Avdiyivka from the town of Spartak and also proceeded for half a hr. "At regarding 22:00 Kyiv time, Ukrainian soldiers situated and also repelled a militant sabotage and also reconnaissance team near the town of Lebedynske. Over the last day, the militants terminated 122mm weapons 6 times, 120mm mortars 29 times, and also storage tanks 3 times," journalism facility stated. Since 06:00 Kyiv time on July 18, terrorists magnified their assaults. They discharged cannons and also mortars on ATO pressures near the towns of Opytne, Verkhniotoretske, Novoselivka, Hranitne, Starohnativka, Stanytsia Luhanska, Pisky, Shyrokyne, and also the community of Maryinka. At regarding 05:00 Kyiv time on Saturday, the Kremlin terrorists began shooting a storage tank on suburbs of Avdiyivka and also proceeded for nearly half a hr.

"The Ukrainian militaries are securely holding their protective locations and also prepared for any kind of situation of advancements," journalism facility stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ato-update-fighting-escalating-in-donbas/>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, five wounded in Donbas in last day, 18.07.2015**

"In the last day, we lost one Ukrainian soldier, and another five were injured as a result of military clashes," Lysenko said.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/gdotACpXkPHkHAE1hZNHBS>

### **Four civilians killed from militants artillery fire in Donetsk region in one day, 19.07.2015**

"Militants launched fire at Avdiyivka, Maryinka, Krasnogorivka, villages of Opytne, Pisky, Verkhniotoretske, Vodiane of Yasynovatsky district, Novgorodske of Dzerzhynsk district. Eight civilians were reported injured, among them four dead and four wounded, including a girl born in 2006," according to the press service. Information about the victims is being verified.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/bzZKScx2sAASocO9FwSkoA>

### **ATO Head office: Avdiyivka in danger of devastating attack, 19.07.2015**

The JCCC made unique attract the OSCE Unique Tracking Objective to take all procedures to quit additional acceleration of the dispute because of shelling of Donetsk and also the bordering location in the evening on July 19, basending on Taran. "For that reason, the other day a declaration was made to quit additional acceleration of the dispute and also purposeful damage of the community of Avdiyivka and also the Avdiyivka coke plant. Additionally, then provocation my associate General Romanchuk, from the Russian side, informed me actually exactly what was stated in Donetsk— in situation of a solitary rocket go for Donetsk, Avdiyivka with its coke plant will certainly be erased. After this provocation my associate General Romanchuk, from the Russian side, informed me actually exactly what was stated in Donetsk— in situation of a solitary rocket launch at Donetsk, Avdiyivka with its coke plant will certainly be cleaned out. That is why I needed to attract the OSCE requesting them to promptly take all steps to quit additional acceleration of the dispute," Taran stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ato-headquarters-avdiyivka-at-risk-of-devastating-attack/>

### **OSCE collaborates with Russian proxies in war zone in Ukraine, 20.07.2015**

This video evidence clearly show OSCE representatives collaborate with Russian proxy forces. Instead of observing the frontlines situation OSCE members are taking part in an orientation meeting headed by Russian Forces Lieutenant Colonel with appropriate identification marks. Besides OSCE representatives we also see at the orientation meeting Russian journalists. As a result the misleading information circulates in world media and there's few main misleading facts this video eliminates: it is evident how Russia continues warfare masking the event as civil war between Ukrainian citizens and misinforms ROW about own further plan to go further to seize more territory and destabilize the international situation.

<http://empr.media/video/conflict-zone/osce-collaborates-with-russian-proxies-in-war-zone-in-ukraine>

### **Russian proxies use 120mm mortars to shell Ukraine troops over 40 times on Monday, 20.07.2015**

"The militants began shelling the ATO pressures near the town of Pisky [near the ruined Donetsk flight terminal] and also the assault lasted for half a hr. At 03:30 they began shooting near the town of Novotroitske. At 04:30 the Kremlin-controlled gangs opened up extreme fire from the side of the town of Kalynivka on the town of Luhanske in the Donetsk industry, utilizing 152mm- and also 122mm-caliber weapons systems and also 120mm-caliber mortars. The town of Luhanske itself was under 122mm weapons fire from 05:30 to 06:15 regional time," journalism facility stated. The assault on Luhanske was quit because of initiatives of the Ukrainian participants of the Joint Center for Control and also Synchronisation of the Ceasefire and also Stablizing of the Celebrations' Separation Line. The militants utilized prohibited tools to terminate on the towns of Svitlodarsk, Lozove, Rozsady, and also Sanzharivka. "Utilizing the bothering fire strategies, the crooks were utilizing little arms to shell the ATO pressures near the communities of Krasnohorivka and also Maryinka, the towns of Pisky, Stanytsia Luhanska, Opytne, Berezove, Kirove, Leninske, and also Mayorske," journalism facility stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/russian-proxies-use-120mm-mortars-to-shell-ukraine-troops-over-40-times-on-monday/>



### **Situation tense in east Ukraine as militants fire artillery and tanks, 20.07.2015**

The situation in the east of Ukraine remains consistently tense as the combined Russian-separatist forces continue to attack Ukrainian army positions - the Ukrainian Defense Ministry.  
<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/eNKx462sE7QHZJNK2k9yQa>

### **Today's agreement on withdrawal of weapons gives boost to the whole process, says OSCE CiO Dacic, 21.07.2015**

OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić, has stressed the need to seize the momentum of today's agreement on the withdrawal of tanks and certain weapons under 100 mm caliber for further advancement of the process during his first visit to Minsk today. Only a political solution can bring an end to the crisis in and around Ukraine, Dačić told the TCG, which is made up of senior envoys of Ukraine, Russia and the OSCE, including Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador Martin Sajdik.  
<http://www.osce.org/cio/173891>

### **Militants attack Ukrainian troops more than 60 times overnight, 21.07.2015**

As of 06:00 Kyiv time on July 21, the militants fired 152mm artillery on ATO forces near the villages of Rozsadky, Maiorske, Zaitseve, Lozove at 04:30 Kyiv time, as well as tanks near the village of Bohdanivka. They also fired small arms near the Donetsk airport, the villages of Novomaryivka, Troitske, Stanytsia Luhanska and the town of Maryinka. Over the last day, the Russian mercenaries fired 152mm and 122mm artillery 11 times, 120mm mortars 19 times, as well as tanks three times. "From 18:40 Kyiv time on Monday, the Kremlin terrorists were firing from a tank on Avdiyivka Coke Plant. At 22:10 Kyiv time, they fired 152mm and 122mm artillery systems on residential areas of Avdiyivka," the press-center said.  
<http://www.unian.info/war/1102993-militants-attack-ukrainian-troops-more-than-60-times-overnight.html>

### **Militants do not allow Red Cross humanitarian aid entering Donetsk, 21.07.2015**

The press office of the State Border Guard Service reported that the vehicles were transporting 255 tonnes of food, hygiene products and building materials for residents of Donetsk region. "However, these cars were not allowed moving on the militant-controlled territory of Ukraine due to lack of certain permitting documents," the report says.  
<http://uatoday.tv/news/militants-do-not-allow-red-cross-humanitarian-aid-entering-donetsk-459754.html>

### **OSCE: Russian GRU brings own people to Ukraine for 'certain tasks', 21.07.2015**

"We have recently reported about the Vostok Battalion, which has crossed the Ukrainian-Russian border. We have reported about the location of a large arsenal of weapons in territory that is not controlled by the government. I have spoken in person with two members of the Russian GRU service, who have confirmed that they arrived in Ukraine from Russia," Deputy Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM to Ukraine Alexander Hug told in an exclusive interview. According to him, the GRU service confirmed they had brought "their own" people to perform "certain tasks."

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/esDe0GYO8tJ9WwO8eBbHNK>

### **Militants shell Ukrainian forces 80 times overnight, 22.07.2015**

The situation in the ATO area in eastern Ukraine remains stably tense. The Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions and civilian areas 78 times in the last day, including 35 attacks from 18:00 to midnight. At 21:30 Kyiv time, the Russian terrorists fired from a tank on residential areas of the village of Novhorodske from the occupied town of Horlivka, Donetsk region. From 20:30 to 23:30, they were firing 152mm and 122mm artillery on ATO forces near the villages of Opytne and Berezove, and the town of Avdiyivka. At 21:00 Kyiv time, they were firing 120mm mortars on Ukrainian army positions near the village of Pisky, Donetsk region. Russian proxies also repeatedly fired on ATO forces near the villages of Novhorodske, Rozsadky, Kirove, Stanytsia Luhanska, Sanzharivka, Luhanske, Lozove, Opytne, and the towns of Avdiyivka and Maryinka. According to the press center, as of 06:00 Kyiv time on July 24, the shelling continued.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_shell\\_ukrainian\\_forces\\_80\\_times\\_overnight\\_333243](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_forces_80_times_overnight_333243)

### **Militants shell Ukrainian forces 80 times over past 24 hours, 22.07.2015**

The combined Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions and civilian areas in eastern Ukraine about 80 times in the last day, including 40 attacks from 18:00 to midnight. "The militants also fired tank shells and mortars on the village of Opytne [11.5km north-west of Donetsk]. Russian proxies fired 120mm mortars and tank shells on the positions of the Ukrainian armed forces near the villages of Vodiane and Novhorodske [Donetsk region]," reads the statement. Using small arms, grenade launchers and 82mm mortars, Russian invaders provoked ATO fighters to return fire along the whole demarcation line.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_shell\\_ukrainian\\_forces\\_80\\_times\\_over\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_333182](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_forces_80_times_over_past_24_hours_333182)

### **Latest from OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, 22.07.2015**

The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the Implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations\*. The situation in Donetsk and Luhansk region remained relatively calm. The SMM observed the planned movement of military equipment by both Ukrainian Armed Forces and "Donetsk People's Republic". In Minsk, at a meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group, an agreement was reached within the security working group on the withdrawal of tanks and smaller calibre weapons. Despite the SMM observing 12 mortar explosions at and around Donetsk airport (8km north-west of Donetsk city) and exchanges of small arms fire between government-controlled Pisky (15km north-west of Donetsk) and the "Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR")-controlled Volvo Centre (13km north-west of Donetsk), the situation in Donetsk region was relatively calm[1]. In government-controlled Sopyne (16km east of Mariupol) the SMM heard some small arms fire. Near government-controlled Novobakhmutivka (26km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard over 100 bursts of small arms fire.

<http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/174071>

### **DPR MILITANTS URGE OSCE TO WITNESS WITHDRAWAL OF ARMORED VEHICLES, 22.07.2015**

"Despite the fact that the OSCE observers couldn't physically witness the absence of our tanks and armored vehicles in all the settlements, where they had been stationed, during the last three days, we urge them to do so in the coming two days," Eduard Basurin, self-styled "deputy defense minister of the DPR," said. "Tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, we are ready to work with the OSCE observers and representatives of the Joint Centre for Control and Coordination of the Ceasefire and Stabilization to make a tour along the demarcation line, as well as check our positions, where the tanks and armored vehicles have been previously located," he said.

<http://x-news.com.ua/dpr-militants-urge-osce-to-witness-withdrawal-of-armored-vehicles-49136/>

### **One Person Killed In Donetsk Region, Nine Wounded – Regional Administration, 22.07.2015**

Over the last day, one person was killed and nine others were injured, including seven Ukrainian soldiers, in ATO area within Donetsk region. This was reported by the press service of the Donetsk Regional Military and Civilian Administration. "According to the health care institutions in the Donetsk region, nine people suffered yesterday in ATO zone, including seven soldiers and two civilians. Moreover, one woman in s.Opytne ", – reported the press-service.

<http://ukraineunderattack.org/en/25000-one-person-killed-in-donetsk-region-nine-wounded-regional-administration.html>

### **Russian proxies shelling militant-held Horlivka, 22.07.2015**

"Shells are hitting the Komsomolets residential district, Hlyboka [a Horlivka-incorporated settlement near Gagarin coal mine]... A couple of tanks are crawling near school No. 9 close to the Rtutny district [near the closed Mykytivsky mercury plant] and are firing in the direction of the town," the reports said. What is more, Russian-backed militants deployed in dry open-pit sand mines are firing self-propelled artillery systems. "[Shells are] heading for either the village of Novoluhanske or the town of Svitlodarsk [Artemivsk district, Donetsk region]

<http://www.unian.info/war/1103829-russian-proxies-shelling-horlivka.html>

### **Militants attack Ukrainian troops more than 50 times within just four hours, 23.07.2015**

"At 21:15 Kyiv time, the militants began firing on the village of Novhorodske from the town of Horlivka. They were firing 122mm artillery on residential areas for 40 minutes. In addition, they fired banned 122mm howitzers and 120mm mortars on the ATO forces near the town of Avdiyivka, the villages of Novhorodske, Pisky, Leninske and Opytne," the press center said. At 22:05 Kyiv time, a sabotage and reconnaissance group of militants of up to 10 people tried to penetrate one of the positions of ATO forces near the village of Opytne. Ukrainian military repulsed saboteurs. "As of 06:00 Kyiv time on July 23, the Kremlin mercenaries fired 120mm mortars on ATO forces near the villages of Rozsady and Lozove. Over the last night, they fired small arms and mortars more than 10 times on the positions of the Ukrainian armed forces near the town of Maryinka not far from Donetsk," the press center wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1103928-militants-attack-ukrainian-troops-more-than-50-times-within-just-four-hours.html>

### **Situation in Donbas tense, militants firing artillery on Ukrainian military, 23.07.2015**

Saying Motuzianyk, the situation is fairly tranquil in the instructions of Luhansk. The opponent discharged mortars on ATO pressures once in the town of Krymske. The militants likewise discharged little arms and also rocket-propelled explosives on the town of Stanytsia Luhanska, and also the communities of Schastia and also Zolote.

"Towards Donetsk, the unlawful armed teams remained to terminate mortars and also artillery on the placements of the Ukrainian militaries at the very first and also 2nd|2nd and also very first protection lines near the community of Svitlodarsk. We want to highlight that the militants opened up fire in the daytime also," he stated. Saying the military official, the range in between the artillery battery in the Putylyivskiy woodland and also the separation line is much less compared to 4 kilometers. In spite of hefty adversary fire, ATO pressures are still holding the boundary and also the cutting edge stays steady.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/situation-in-donbas-tense-militants-firing-artillery-on-ukrainian-military/>

<http://www.newsreality.com/post/ato-update-ukrainian-soldiers-successfully-repel-attack-near-syze.html>

### **Bank shelled in Kyiv center, 24.07.2015**

An effective blast struck the center of Ukraine's funding as the structure of Ukrinbank on 10B Voznesensky Spusk was shelled, most likely from a mortar. The effective surge was listened to in a number of areas of Kiev. A number of patrol authorities rides came to the scene. Safety and security Solution and also tpolice have actually not yet verified any kind of info on the occurrence.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/bank-shelled-in-kyiv-center/>

### **Ukrainian troops come under major shelling near Volnovakha, 24.07.2015**

The shelling comes from 122 mm artillery division. The fire is precisely aimed, drones are being used for adjustment. This is Russian artillery – the shelling is closely grouped, well-coordinated and quickly adjusted. Our people do not sleep, maneuvering to get out from under fire. The shelling continues. Of course, there is no OSCE anywhere around. It's probably the way they prepare for the demilitarization of Shyrokyne. This is probably to show "Normandy Four" Russia's willingness to comply with the terms of the ceasefire, and to speed up the withdrawal of weapons of an under 100mm caliber. Be safe, guys," says Butusov.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/ukrainian-troops-come-under-major-shelling-near-volnovakha-journalist-462731.html>

<http://www.unian.info/war/1104381-militants-attack-ukrainian-troops-more-than-70-times-overnight.html>

### **ATO: Desertion popular among militants, 24.07.2015**

"According to the ATO headquarters, the cases of desertion from the demarcation line have become more frequent among the militants. This week, the fighters from the fourth battalion tactical group of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic militant organization left their positions near the town of Maryinka," he said. "Therefore, the militants are actively recruiting local people to their illegal armed groups, but the local citizens have no desire to serve in these terrorist pseudo-republics," Hutsuliak said.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1104411-ato-desertion-popular-among-militants.html>

### **Gerashchenko: 250 Ukrainians still illegally held by Russia and militants, 24.07.2015**

Regarding 250 residents of Ukraine are being illegally held by Russian-backed militants and the Russian Alliance, Ukrainian governmental agent for the relaxed negotiation of the Donbas dispute and Ukrainian agent of the altruistic subgroup of the Trilateral Get in touch with Team, MP Iryna Gerashchenko said.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/gerashchenko-250-ukrainians-still-illegally-held-by-russia-and-militants/>

### **Anti-OSCE Protest: Head of monitoring mission calls demonstration 'orchestrated', 24.07.2015**

An 'aggressive and orchestrated' anti-OSCE protest. That's how the organisation's monitoring mission deputy chief described a rally in Ukraine's militant-controlled city of Donetsk on Thursday morning. Alexander Hug said the rally was an unacceptable type of censorship and poses a security concern. Alexander Hug, Deputy Chief of OSCE to Ukraine: "This morning up to three hundred civilian protesters have assembled at once in front of our hotel in Donetsk city. These were mainly female protesters. They were organised and they were protesting against the war itself, but also against the operation of the OSCE special monitoring mission. In an organised manner orchestrated in front of our hotel the protesters later entered rather aggressively." Protesters gathered outside a hotel housing members of the OSCE holding up posters which read "Your silence kills children!"

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/osce-protest-head-of-monitoring-mission-calls-demonstration-orchestrated-461639.html>

### **Real truce in Mariupol sector in last day, 24.07.2015**

"Over the last day, the ceasefire was noted in the Mariupol "M" sector. There were no clashes and also no intriguing shelling. 3 militant drones were identified in the last day. 2 of them flew over Mariupol, and also one flew over the town of Berdianske," Chepurniy stated.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/real-truce-in-mariupol-sector-in-last-day/>

<http://www.unian.info/war/1104549-ato-staff-attacks-decreasing-but-not-near-donetsk.html>

### **ATO troops under fire 40 times from midnight to evening on Friday, 24.07.2015**

The ATO press facility reported that unlawful armed teams had actually begun utilizing hefty tools much less often. Nevertheless, the consolidated Russian-separatist pressures do not stop fire and also shell the ATO pressures from storage tanks, mortars, cannons, and little arms.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ato-troops-under-attack-40-times-from-midnight-to-evening-on-friday/>

### **Ukrainian troops come under major shelling near Volnovakha – journalist, 25.07.2015**

"The shelling originates from 122 mm weapons department. The fire is exactly intended, drones are being seconded hand for modification. This is Russian weapons– the shelling is carefully organized, well-coordinated and also swiftly changed. Our individuals do not rest, steering to obtain out from under attack. The shelling proceeds. Naturally, there is no OSCE anywhere about. It's most likely the method they plan for the demilitarization of Shyrokyne. This is most likely to reveal "Normandy 4" Russia's determination to abide by the regards to the ceasefire, and also to accelerate the drawback of tools of an under 100mm quality. Be risk-free, men," states Butusov.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/ukrainian-troops-come-under-major-shelling-near-volnovakha-journalist/>

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/situation-in-ato-tense-non-stop-shelling-toward-donetsk/>

### **Six convicts escaped during transportation in Ukraine, 25.07.2015**

"This morning in Khmelnytsky region, Khmelnytsky region during a scheduled departure at station Sgibnev escaped Six convicts. Men made the attack on the guards, wounding 2 guards and seized their service pistols ", - is informed in the report. As informs a press-service, all police officers are on alert in the area declared the plan "Siren" to locate and arrest the fugitives. Wounded Soldiers are brought to medical uredinia. One of them is the warrant officer of the National guard of Ukraine - wounded in both hands, the second guard of soldiers was wounded hip.

<http://news.rin.ru/eng/news///121658/>

<http://www.unian.info/society/1104886-three-out-of-six-fugitive-convicts-detained-in-khmelintsky-region.html>

### **Militants attack using tanks and 122mm howitzers today, 26.07.2015**

In the past 24 hours, on July 25, Russian-backed illegal armed groups shelled Ukrainian troops in the Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) area 75 times, with 39 attacks launched from 18.00.

<http://capitalstyle.com.ua/?p=17375>

<http://ukraineunderattack.org/en/25898-yesterday-in-ato-militants-shelling-peaceful-settlements-with-grad-tanks-and-mortars.html>

### **Military command denies withdrawal of Azov and Aidar battalions from east Ukraine conflict zone, 26.07.2015**

The ATO Headquarters denies reports about withdrawal of units of the Azov battalion from positions near the village of Shyrokyne and withdrawal of the Aidar battalion in Luhansk direction, the ATO press center wrote.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/ukraine-today-military-command-denies-withdrawal-of-azov-and-aidar-battalions-from-east-ukraine-conflict-zone-394310.html>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, three wounded in Donbas conflict zone in past 24 hours, 27.07.2015**

One Ukrainian soldier has been killed and another three injured in ATO area over the last day. Spokesman for the Presidential Administration on ATO, Colonel Oleksandr Motuzianyk said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one\\_ukrainian\\_soldier\\_killed\\_three\\_wounded\\_in\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_zone\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_330953](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_ukrainian_soldier_killed_three_wounded_in_donbas_conflict_zone_in_past_24_hours_330953)

### **Russian-terrorist forces shell Ukrainian troops, 27.07.2015**

The situation in the zone of the Anti-Terrorist Operation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remains tense, wrote the press center for the ATO on Facebook on July 28.

"As of 18:30 Kyiv time, combined Russian-terrorist forces have carried out 47 attacks on the positions of the ATO troops. Including, in violation of the Minsk agreement," the report says. At midnight, militants started a 30-minute shelling with 152mm artillery on Ukrainian positions near the village Kurdyumivka of Donetsk region from the direction of the occupied village of Horlivka. Almost simultaneously, at 01:40 Kyiv time, the shelling started on several positions of the ATO forces. The tank fired near the Mayske, 120mm mortar shells were fired in the area of Avdiyivka, and 122mm artillery - near Opytne. Afterward, 122mm mortars were fired on the Ukrainian positions near Maryinka.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/gWRXVjouLP8scvp0VPzSIU>

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/russian-proxies-fire-on-civilian-areas-ato-headquarters/>

### **Court head injured in car crash before hearing on Constitution amendments, 27.07.2015**

The accident occurred at the 320th km of the Kyiv-Kharkiv highway at about 20:00 Kyiv time on July 26, while on July 27, the Constitutional Court is scheduled to hold a hearing on decentralization-related amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine. "According to preliminary information, the driver of a Toyota Camry car collided with a Nissan car. As a result of the accident, the Nissan driver and his passenger were killed. Two other Nissan passengers were injured. The driver and the passenger of the Toyota Camry were also injured," the report says.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1105240-court-head-injured-in-car-crash-before-hearing-on-constitution-amendments.html>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1105351-avakov-teenager-dies-in-accident-with-court-heads-car.html>

### **Russian proxies attack Ukrainian troops 82 times overnight, 28.07.2015**

Ukrainian military spokesmen say combined Russian-militant forces attacked Ukrainian army positions 82 times and civilian areas in eastern Ukraine five times overnight.

"The enemy fired 152mm and 122mm artillery systems 12 times, mortars 26 times, Grad multiple rocket launchers three times, and tank shells six times. From 18:00 to midnight, the Russian terrorists carried out more than 30 attacks. From 21:30 to 01:00 local time on July 28, the militants fired 122mm artillery systems, mortars and small arms on the positions of the Ukrainian armed forces near the village of Stanytsia Luhanska," the military's press center said.

<http://uatoday.tv/news/russian-proxies-attack-ukrainian-troops-82-times-overnight-464129.html>

### **One Ukrainian soldier killed, 12 injured in Donbas in past 24 hours, 28.07.2015**

One member of the Ukrainian Armed Forces has been killed and another 12 injured in the military-operation zone in Donbas over the past 24 hours, said Andriy Lysenko, a military spokesman in the presidential administration.

<https://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/one-ukrainian-soldier-killed-12-injured-in-donbas-in-past-24-hours-2-394460.html>

### **Moscow orders proxies in Donbas to capture Ukrainian officers for swap – SBU, 29.07.2015**

“According to reliable sources, after border guards detained the officer of Russia’s Armed Forces, Russian commanders have instructed the leaders of terrorist organizations, the so-called "DPR" and "LPR" to do everything possible to capture Ukrainian officers to further exchange them for Starkov," said Chairman of the State Security Service of Ukraine Vasyl Grytsak during his joint press conference with Chairman of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine Viktor Nazarenko today.

<http://www.unian.info/war/1106207-moscow-orders-proxies-in-donbas-to-capture-ukrainian-officers-for-swap-sbu.html>

### **UN upgrade: Casualty in Donbas conflict nearing 7,000 men, 29.07.2015**

Almost 7,000 individuals were eliminated as well as greater than 17,000 were hurt considering that the start of the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine, basing on Press Assistant of the Workplace of the UN High Commissioner for Civil rights (OHCHR) Cecile Pouilly.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/un-update-death-toll-in-donbas-conflict-nearing-7000-men/>

### **Ukraine’s police and "DPR militia" to jointly patrol Shyrokyne, - General Staff, 29.07.2015**

"According to the agreement, the Ukrainian police units and the units of the so called "militia of the certain areas of the Donetsk region" will be working together there. We insist this territory to be controlled by the detachments of the Ukrainian police. They will be armed with handguns. They will not even have automatic weapons. They will ensure order there, protect the OSCE mission," Major General said.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345697/ukraines\\_police\\_and\\_dpr\\_militia\\_to\\_jointly\\_patrol\\_shyrokyne\\_general\\_staff](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345697/ukraines_police_and_dpr_militia_to_jointly_patrol_shyrokyne_general_staff)

### **Ukraine exposes Russia's hybrid warfare strategy as more soldiers confess, 29.07.2015**

Russian soldiers are offered triple salary to fight incognito in Ukraine - Ukraine's SBU  
Ukraine's state security service the SBU has revealed how Russia offers its soldiers triple their normal allowance for going to fight in Ukraine, while taking away military IDs and other documents that may identify them as Russian soldiers. According to Hrytsak, at about 22:00 Kyiv time on July 25, the border guards detained a Kamaz truck at the Berezove checkpoint. Vladimir Starkov a citizen of the Russian Federation, born in 1978, a native of Khabarovsk region, was riding in the cabin. "The testimony provided by Starkov, as well as his Russian-made notepad and other documents seized during his arrest once again confirm the existence of a well-established mechanism for coordination and direct involvement of military personnel from Russia's Armed Forces in Russian aggression against our country," said Hrytsak.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/ukraine-exposes-russia-s-hybrid-warfare-strategy-as-more-soldiers-confess-465312.html>

### **Oleksandr Motuzyanyk: Ukrainian troops repel militant attack near Shchastya, 29.07.2015**

Shchastya became the epicenter of combat activities yesterday. Ukrainian troops repelled a militant attack at the blockpost in the area. “Following a mortar fire attack in the morning, a group of pro-Russian militants supported by heavy artillery were attacking Ukrainian position for three hours. The assault was successfully repelled”, said Colonel Oleksandr Motuzyanyk, spokesperson of the Administration of the President of Ukraine on ATO-related issues.

<http://uacrisis.org/30030-oleksandr-motuzyanyk-16>

### **Militants' attack on Dzerzhynsk: two killed, gas pipe damage, blackouts, 29.07.2015**

"At about 03:00 Kyiv time [on Thursday], the militants fired on the central part of Dzerzhynsk. Two locals, born in 1982 and 1956, were killed," the report reads.

According to the report, a gas pipeline was also damaged. "Shells hit some districts in the town, having caused blackouts. Two coal mines were disconnected from the power grid, and more than 200 miners were trapped underground. They have been evacuated already," the report says. According to law enforcers, investigators are now working on the scene. Information on casualties or damages is being verified.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/gpuOG1qh02FOXqjiamefds>

<http://www.unian.info/war/1105705-militant-attack-on-schastia-power-plant-blacks-out-most-of-luhansk-region.html>

### **Consequences of militants' attack on Ukrainian troops' positions in Shchastia: fortifications partially destroyed, posts impacted by several direct hits, 29.07.2015**

The militants were attacking the Fasad stronghold of the 92nd Separate Mechanized Rifle Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Shchastia village for more than five hours July 28. "There were two assaults on the Fasad strongpoint July 28, 2015: The first engagement took place between 6.30 a.m. and 8: 00 a.m. The Terrorists used AGS automatic grenade launchers (about 60 grenades launched) and 82-mm mortars (seven mines launched). The second storm was committed between 4 p.m. 7.30 p.m. They employed 82-mm mortars (about 50 mines launched), 73-mm SPG automatic grenade launcher (11 rounds), 125-mm tank gun (10 rounds), anti-tank guided missiles (five rockets), 30-mm AGS automatic grenade launchers (about 300 grenades), heavy machine guns (2,500 - 3,000 rounds). A part of heavy machine gun rounds reached the town of Shchastia," Dmytro Bulatov wrote.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345634/consequences\\_of\\_militants\\_attack\\_on\\_ukrainian\\_troops\\_positions\\_in\\_shchastia\\_fortifications\\_partially](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345634/consequences_of_militants_attack_on_ukrainian_troops_positions_in_shchastia_fortifications_partially)

### **General Staff dismisses reports on joint patrol of Shyrokyne claiming misinterpretation, 29.07.2015**

"We formally state incorrect as well as deceiving the analysis of this message by some residential as well as international as well as residential media," stated journalism solution. General Staff likewise worries that Ukraine sustains the effort on establishing a long-term monitoring terminal of the OSCE SMM in Shyrokyne. Read like wise All sides in Donbas dispute have to make sure security of SMM – OSCE principal Baseding on the peace efforts of the Ukrainian Head of state, development of a 30km demilitarized area eastern of Mariupol, as well as the finalizing of all needed papers will be finished prior to August 3, 2015. Journalism solution notes that Ukraine's Army hold their defenses in Mariupol as well as avoid any kind of effort to interrupt the routine of silence, in addition to any kind of brand-new aggression by the Russian proxies.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/general-staff-dismisses-reports-on-joint-patrol-of-shyrokyne-claiming-misinterpretation/>

### **Tymchuk: important freight from Russia heading for occupied Debaltseve, 30.07.2015**

The combined Russian-separatist forces in the occupied town of Debaltseve are awaiting the arrival of "particularly important" freight from Russia, which is being transported by Russian Railways, head of the Information Resistance Group and MP Dmytro Tymchuk wrote

<http://www.unian.info/war/1106417-tymchuk-important-freight-from-russia-heading-for-occupied-debaltseve.html>

### **Tuka: Militants plan to release over 2,000 convicts, 30.07.2015**

"Prisoners are not keen to participate in hostilities. However, the border guards detain such people when then attempt to enter the territory of Ukraine. After that, the most incredible things are revealed: they have got no documents, cannot [provide any proof related to] criminal cases and court rulings on imprisonment," he said. According to Tuka, criminal cases of such people are not transferred to the Ukrainian side.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1106400-tuka-militants-plan-to-release-over-2000-convicts.html>

### **Terrorists violated cease-fire 46 times yesterday evening, - ATO press-center, 31.07.2015**

"The militants violated the truce 46 times from 6 p.m. to midnight yesterday. Our positions near Opytne village in the Donetsk region were attacked from IFV guns and 120-mm mortars from 6 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. The criminals employed 122-mm artillery against the Ukrainian defenders' positions in the vicinity of Vodiane from the direction of Donetsk and 152-mm artillery against Yasnobrodivka in the same sector at about 8 p.m. The invaders' tank shelled strongholds in Marinka from 10 p.m. almost until midnight.

"The enemy was as active at the Artemivsk direction as at the Donetsk one. Terrorists shelled the ATO forces' positions in the village of Luhanske from 122-mm artillery, weapons of infantry fighting vehicles, and 120-mm mortars. Stanytsia Luhanska village was also impacted by 120-mm mortar rounds twice at about 10 p.m.

[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345926/terrorists\\_violated\\_ceasefire\\_46\\_times\\_yesterday\\_evening\\_ato\\_presscenter](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345926/terrorists_violated_ceasefire_46_times_yesterday_evening_ato_presscenter)

### **Two Ukrainian soldiers killed in ATO area in past 24 hours, 31.07.2015**

"Two Ukrainian servicemen were killed, seven soldiers were injured over the past day," Spokesman for the Presidential Administration on ATO, Colonel Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_in\\_ato\\_area\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_333384](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_ukrainian_soldiers_killed_in_ato_area_in_past_24_hours_333384)

### **Militants made more than one hundred attacks overnight, 31.07.2015**

The combined Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions in eastern Ukraine 105 times over past 24 hours.

This is reported by the ATO press center.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/333377>

## **Pilot Savchenko**

### **Russia's Investigative Committee tightens accusation against Savchenko, 07.07.2015**

If previously Savchenko was incriminated with accessory to murder, now she is directly accused of murder of two Russian citizens. The case was sent to prosecutor's office for indictment approval. As reported by one of her lawyers Nikolai Polozov in Twitter the kidnapped Ukrainian woman is accused of murder of Russian citizens, with their professional affiliation and journalist activity not being taken into account. "At some point the Investigative Committee realized that the killed journalists had been staying in Luhansk illegally and changed the subsumption. Senselessness, clumsiness and obvious failure of the charges will only strengthen Ukraine's position in the exchange negotiations," he said.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/fGznwdpk7r7HECr2lXurH8>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1097625-investigation-into-savchenko-case-in-russia-over-to-be-brought-to-court.html>

<http://ukrnews.today/investigation-into-savchenko-case-in-russia-over-to-be-brought-to-court/>

### **Savchenko faces up to 25 years in prison- Russia's Investigative Committee, 13.07.2015**

This was stated by official representative of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation Vladimir Markin. According to him, the maximum term of imprisonment, which the Ukrainian pilot may face, is 25 years. The term is such only because the Criminal Code does not provide for a life imprisonment for women. According to Markin, the second article, which appears in the indictment for Savchenko is the attempted murder of civilians, who may have been affected as a result of the shelling allegedly directed by Savchenko. The Russian Prosecutor General's Office has approved an indictment for Ukrainian citizen Nadia Savchenko and sent the criminal case to the Donetsk City Court, Rostov region, the Russian Prosecutor General's Office reported on Monday.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko\\_faces\\_up\\_to\\_25\\_years\\_in\\_prison\\_russias\\_investigative\\_committee\\_332990](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko_faces_up_to_25_years_in_prison_russias_investigative_committee_332990)

### **SAVCHENKO GETS READY FOR TRANSFER FROM MOSCOW, 16.07.2015**

"We visited Nadia. In the detention center she was informed that she would be transferred in the following days. She has already packed her belongings. Confident and fearless," Russian attorney Nikolai Polozkov tweeted. Savchenko appealed to Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Anne Brasseur, and President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz earlier today. In a letter, published by Savchenko's lawyer Mark Feygin, the hero pilot writes that the decision of Russian prosecutors to forward her case to the town of Donetsk (Russian Rostov region) was politically motivated and aimed at prevent media coverage and the effective work of her defense. "This place [Donetsk in Rostov region] is the main center and transit point to transport Russian weapons and so-called pro-Russian separatists to the LPR the DPR in the territory of Ukraine," she wrote.

<http://x-news.com.ua/savchenko-gets-ready-for-transfer-from-moscow-47525/>



### **Savchenko being transported to Rostov region for trial, 17.07.2015**

"I pertained to Nadia to the Matrosskaya Tishina pre-trial apprehension home, however I was informed that she had actually currently been removed. Possibly, she is still in Moscow, however I will barely have the ability to see her right here," attorney Ilya Novikov informed. At the exact same time, Novikov stated that it was vague where she would certainly be kept in remand in Rostov region. "There is no pre-trial apprehension facility in the community of Donetsk in Rostov region, where court hearings will certainly occur. The nearby home lies in the community of Kamensk-Shakhtinsky," Novikov stated however he did not eliminate that she may be remanded captive in the city of Rostov-on-Don.

<http://journalfocus.com/2015/07/savchenko-being-transported-to-rostov-region-for-trial/>

### **Preliminary hearing of Savchenko's case appointed on July 30 in Russia's Rostov region, 21.07.2015**

"Preliminary hearings will take place at 11:00 Moscow time (09:00 GMT) on July 30. The court session will be held behind closed doors, in line with Russian laws," the press service of the Donetsk city court. Savchenko's case was submitted to the court in the Rostov region's city of Donetsk on July 16. Savchenko previously requested the Russian Prosecutor General's Office to change the jurisdiction of her criminal case consideration and transfer the court proceedings to Moscow. She motivated her request saying that due to the situation in the [neighboring Rostov region] DPR and LPR, holding the court proceedings at the Donetsk city court might "create a serious threat to the life and health of my lawyers, sister Vera who, as the key witness for defense, is subject to summoning to court, my mother who is going to attend the trial." Besides, the application underscores that none of the affected persons permanently lives in the Rostov region, while all expert examinations on the case were held in Moscow. So, according to Savchenko, it will be objectively difficult to summon the affected persons and experts to the Donetsk court, "and in case they do not come my right to defense will be violated."

<http://tass.ru/en/russia/809894>

### **Lawyers have additional proof confirming the captured pilot's alibi, 28.07.2015**

Nadiya Savchenko's lawyers have received what they consider to be additional proof in support of her alibi. Both the examination of two cell phone providers and video footage appear to confirm her story, stated Savchenko's lawyer Ilya Novikov. "Since December 2014, our main piece of evidence was a telephone bill, which demonstrates a call from Nadiya's phone number at 10:44 a.m. in Luhansk, and a second at 11:04 a.m. in the Zarya training center area where she was held for six days by militants. Meanwhile, the shooting, for which Nadiya faces charges, occurred at around 11:40 p.m.," explained Novikov. He believes that this evidence pokes holes in the case against Savchenko for her alleged involvement in the death of Russian journalists.

<http://uacrisis.org/30004-savchenko-2>

### **PGO: SEVEN RUSSIAN OFFICIALS SUSPECTED OF CRIMES AGAINST SAVCHENKO, 29.07.2015**

"We have grounds to notify a number of officials of the Russian Federation on suspicion of committing certain criminal offenses in relation to Nadia Savchenko," said Stolyarchuk. The official noted that the PGO had officially filed a request to Russia's Prosecutor General's Office that it provide legal aid, according to which the suspects must be notified on the suspicion. He noted that among the seven people — two "even high-ranking officials of the Russian Federation." According to Stolyarchuk, among the seven suspects there are even "officers of the investigative division of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, who, we believe, as there is evidence, wrongfully detained and kept her in custody without any grounds". "There are three employees of court of the Russian Federation, which in turn, each time for no reason" ruled to hold Savchenko in custody, said the Deputy Prosecutor General. He also noted that among the suspects there is an "official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation", who deliberately had taken no steps to release Savchenko, including after her acquiring the status of a member of Ukraine's delegation to PACE.

<http://x-news.com.ua/pgo-seven-russian-officials-suspected-of-crimes-against-savchenko-52386/>

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko\\_to\\_be\\_tried\\_tomorrow\\_morning\\_333355](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko_to_be_tried_tomorrow_morning_333355)

### **Communications data: Savchenko captured before Russian journalists killed, 29.07.2015**

Ukrainian mobile operators have confirmed that captive Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko's mobile phones had already been in the network in militant-controlled territory at the time when the Russian journalists whose death she is accused of were killed in the east of Ukraine.

<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/eraEkF9eW5dEnVCwQ2UKG2>

### **SAVCHENKO MAY MEET FAMILY, 30.07.2015**

The Ukrainian prisoner asked the court to let her meet with her mother and sister, according to the lawyer, and such request was granted. "She will meet with her relatives in the following days," said Polozov. He also added that the defense team is to visit the captured Ukrainian pilot on Friday. Polozov noted that until the jurisdiction issue is resolved, Savchenko will remain in Detention Center No 3 of the town of Novocherkassk

<http://x-news.com.ua/savchenko-may-meet-family-52864/>

### **Savchenko's case sent to Rostov court, 30.07.2015**

The Donetsk city court in Rostov region, Russia, granted the motion of Savchenko's lawyers to send the case to the Rostov Regional Court for determining the jurisdiction.

"Donetsk city court granted motion of defense to send the case to Rostov Regional Court to determine jurisdiction. Before trial on the merits, another hearing in Rostov Regional Court will be held to decide where the case will be considered," Savchenko's lawyer Nikolai Polozov wrote on Twitter.

Thus, the hearing in the Donetsk city court has been postponed for an indefinite term. If the Rostov Regional Court decides to change jurisdiction, the hearing will be moved to another city.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenkos\\_case\\_sent\\_to\\_rostov\\_court\\_333375](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenkos_case_sent_to_rostov_court_333375)

## **National Minorities**

### **Moscow tries everything in unsuccessful bid to stop World Crimean Tatar Congress in Ankara, 30.07.2015**

The Russian authorities are doing everything they can — from threatening Crimean Tatars living in occupied Crimea to setting up a pocket organization of Crimean Tatars they control to appealing to the Turkish government — in an unsuccessful attempt to block the World Congress of Crimean Tatars from meeting in Ankara. This set of actions, coming on top of continuing Russian oppression of that community – read the new report by the monitoring group of the Congress of National Communities of Ukraine to see how important the Crimean Tatars are in Moscow's eyes and how paranoid the Russian side is about them. Despite Russian threats and appeals, Refat Chubarov, the head of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis, says that preparations for the congress, which is to open later this week with "about 200 Crimean Tatar public organizations" represented, are "successfully being completed."

<http://euromaidanpress.com/2015/07/30/moscow-tries-everything-in-unsuccessful-bid-to-stop-world-crimean-tatar-congress-in-ankara/>

## **Mass Media**

### **SBU DEPORTS RUSSIA'S FIRST CHANNEL JOURNALIST FOR ANTI-UKRAINIAN ACTIVITY, 01.07.2015**

Cherepnina will be denied entry to Ukraine for the next three years, according to the SBU press service. The SBU officials add that the journalist has been filming anti-Ukrainian videos and even used schoolchildren in her clips.

<http://x-news.com.ua/sbu-deports-russias-first-channel-journalist-for-anti-ukrainian-activity-42492/>

## Ukraine Worldwide

### **PROSECUTOR: MH17 INVESTIGATION GOING WELL, 01.07.2015**

The criminal investigation into the cause of the disaster with flight MH17 in eastern Ukraine is going well, according to chief prosecutor Fred Westerbeke.

The chief prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's national office said on Tuesday that though the investigators haven't reached the point of "formally" identifying suspects, they have a group of potential suspects in view, NU reports. "We are getting closer to legal and convincing evidence," he said. According to the Public Prosecutor, the most likely scenario is that the Malaysian Airlines airplane was shot down by a BUK-missile. But that is not the only scenario that the Prosecutor is looking at. Experts are busy investigating alternative scenarios in order to substantiate or exclude them.

The families of the 298 victims were also informed of the status of the investigation on Tuesday.

<http://www.nltimes.nl/2015/06/30/prosecutor-mh17-investigation-going-well/>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1095848-netherlands-say-when-mh17-report-will-be-published.html>

### **German troops heading for Ukraine, 06.07.2015**

German state news agency Deutsche Welle reported Sunday (July 05) that the German Army would participate in two military exercises in Ukraine. The soldiers, the number of which has not been disclosed, will be involved in the exercises Rapid Trident and Sea Breeze under the leadership of the United States. Rapid Trident supports interoperability among Ukraine, US, NATO and Partnership for Peace member nations. Participating nations' forces include Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, and the US. The Rapid Trident exercise comes at the explicit request of the Ukrainian government and military.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/german-troops-heading-for-ukraine-450546.html>

### **Partner countries ask Security Council to establish an MH17 tribunal, 14.07.2015**

Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine consider an independent international criminal tribunal established by the Council, reflecting the highest international standards, would be the best means of ensuring justice for the victims and their loved ones. It would also be an appropriate response to the fact that the incident and the related implications for the safety of civil aviation affect the interests of the international community as a whole. The five countries are working to secure the support of Security Council Members for the tribunal. In the immediate aftermath of the MH17 disaster, the Security Council adopted Resolution 2166, which demanded that those responsible for the incident be held to account and that all States cooperate fully with efforts to establish accountability. The establishment of an international criminal tribunal under Chapter VII of the UN Charter for this purpose would send a clear message that the international community will not tolerate acts that threaten international peace and security by endangering civil aviation. A tribunal established by the Council would ensure broad international support for prosecutions and would maximise the prospects of securing international cooperation, which will be necessary for an effective prosecution.

<http://mfa.gov.ua/en/press-center/news/38136-krajini-partneri-zvernulisya-do-radi-bezpeki-oon-z-prohannyam-stvoriti-tribunal-dlya-pokarannya-vinnih-u-zbitti-mh17>

<http://www.unian.info/world/1100953-malaysia-sends-un-security-council-draft-resolution-on-mh17-tribunal.html>

### **French MPs to visit occupied Crimea, 22.07.2015**

10 deputies of the French National Assembly are coming to Crimea. This is the first visit with such a high parliamentary representation from one of the major European powers to the Russian-occupied Crimea since the territory's illegal annexation. Thierry Mariani, a deputy of the National Assembly and head of the delegation, told about the goals of the trip and the agenda of their visit which comes despite positions of Ukraine's and France's foreign ministries. "We are coming to Moscow on Wednesday night, where we will meet with Sergei Naryshkin, speaker of the Russian Duma. After this, we are going to Yalta and Sevastopol. Meeting with local "authorities" and local residents is on the agenda. We want to understand how people live, said Mariani.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1103428-french-mps-to-visit-occupied-crimea.html>

<http://euromaidanpress.com/2015/07/24/who-are-the-french-mps-that-are-visiting-crimea/>

<http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/79647-150725-french-mps-visit-crimea-despite-condemnation-at-home-and-in-ukraine>

## **STRATFOR: US AND RUSSIA IN TALKS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE, 22.07.2015**

Phone calls between relatively low-level diplomats are normally not newsworthy. But Monday's conversation between U.S. Undersecretary of State Victoria Nuland and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin on the simmering conflict in Ukraine is an exception. The bilateral nature of the conversation and its timing amid mounting claims of ceasefire violations from the Ukrainian government and separatist forces makes it uniquely significant, according to a report by Stratfor, a U.S. geopolitical intelligence firm that provides strategic analysis and forecasting to individuals and organizations around the world. Since the Ukrainian crisis started nearly 18 months ago, two negotiation formats in particular stand out among numerous talks and meetings. The first is the Minsk talks between representatives from the Ukrainian government, the pro-Russia separatists and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which address the conflict on a tactical level. The other is the Normandy talks between representatives from Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France, which consider the conflict on a broader, political level.

<http://x-news.com.ua/stratfor-us-and-russia-in-talks-to-resolve-conflict-in-ukraine-49254/>  
<https://www.stratfor.com/geopolitical-diary/us-russia-case-bilateral-talks>

## **Russia likely to block UN MH17 tribunal at July 29 vote, 25.07.2015**

Moscow dismisses UN criminal enquiry proposals. The UN will vote next Wednesday afternoon on setting up an international tribunal to prosecute those suspected of downing MH17 flight over east Ukraine - a vote Russia is likely to block. The date was outlined by New Zealand's representative, the president for the UN Security Council this month. The draft resolution was originally put forward by Malaysian, Australian, Dutch, Belgian and Ukrainian delegations.

<http://uatoday.tv/politics/russia-likely-to-block-un-mh17-tribunal-at-july-29-vote-462692.html>  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2015/07/russia-blocks-mh17-investigation-150729192126421.html>  
<http://www.unian.info/world/1105471-churkin-russia-to-vote-against-mh17-tribunal.html>  
<http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/50072>  
[http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345654/un\\_security\\_council\\_to\\_consider\\_resolution\\_on\\_establishment\\_of\\_tribunal\\_on\\_malaysian\\_boeing\\_downing](http://en.censor.net.ua/news/345654/un_security_council_to_consider_resolution_on_establishment_of_tribunal_on_malaysian_boeing_downing)  
<http://uazmi.com/en/news/post/e8MFE96vTICJuaPbSeafTs>

## **Another seven states support sanctions against Russia, 30.07.2015**

Montenegro, Albania, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, as well as Ukraine and Georgia, support the extension of restrictive measures against Russia until January 31, 2016 in view of its actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, according to the EU website.

"The Candidate Countries [to the EU] Montenegro and Albania, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Georgia align themselves with this Declaration," reads the statement by the EU top diplomat Federica Mogherini. According to the press release, The European Union takes note of the commitment of mentioned states and welcomes it.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1106284-another-six-states-support-sanctions-against-russia.html>  
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2015/07/28-alignment-russias-action-destabilising-ukraine/>

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