



Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine July 2014

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Introduction

July began with the termination of an unsteady truce, as President Poroshenko announced on the night of July 1.

ATO entered an active phase again. Refugees ...Blown-up bridges, damaged roads, permanent nightly shelling of the territory of Ukraine from Russian side, the epidemic of "mining" of the various objects in the big cities ... Daily reports on the numbers of deaths and injuries among civilians, military, national guards, frontier guards ...

Since the beginning of ATO in mid-April 32 frontier guards and 363 soldiers have been killed and 1,434 injured since the military operation began in mid-April.

According to the UN Monitoring Mission since April pro Russian terrorists kidnapped 717 people. The fate of 375 abducted people remains unknown.

Nearly 100,000 people were forced to change their place of residence within the borders of Ukraine and about 130,000 left for Russia because of the armed conflict. Continuation of the information war...

Hot water disabling all over Ukraine and officials' appeals to the citizens to prepare on their own for the heating season without Russian gas and with a limited reversal from Europe as well as promises to turn the hot water in Kiev only in mid-October.

Terrible story about the Ukrainian Pilot Nadezhda Savchenko, who mysteriously appeared in jail in Voronezh, shocked the world. Russian Federation initiated criminal proceedings against Savchenko.

Russian Federation also opened a criminal case against the governor of Dnipropetrovsk region oligarch Igor Kolomoisky, known for his tough pro-Ukrainian orientation and Interior Minister Arsen Avakov. Leader of the "Right Sector" Dmitry Yarosh, who is now taking part in the ATO, is in Interpol database at the request of the Russian Federation. Against this background militants began to leave towns and village that were under their control.

Ukrainian Army released Slovyansk, Kramators'k, Syeverodonets'k ... In total in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions more than 60 locations have been liberated.

But July 17, 2014, like 100 years ago, divided the world into before and after. Over territory controlled by pro-Russian separatists a passenger plane of Malaysian Airlines was hit shot down by a missile.

The conflict was no longer an internal affair of Ukraine; the conflict stopped to be a confrontation between the two neighboring countries Ukraine and Russia. This conflict became an international one. There were 298 civilians from 17 states on the board of this plane. Specialists have to figure out exactly who was shooting.

Militants didn't let international experts to work on the crash site. Only on July 31, a group of experts was able to get to the crash site.

After this tragedy, the EU, the USA, Canada, and Japan imposed new sanctions against Russia, which entered into force at the end of July.

There is a hope that the new sanctions and diplomatic efforts will change the situation for the better.

Prognosis

Agricultural producers promise "bread Mайдan" in August, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. If the state fails to support agricultural producers and the fall of grain prices occurs, agricultural producers will go to the "bread Mайдan."

Chairman of the Union of Agricultural Servicing Cooperatives of Ukraine Ivan Tomych said at the round table in Kyiv, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"I address the authorities today. If there is the fall of grain prices in July-August, I say on behalf of the association - there will be the bread Mайдan," the farmer said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/agricultural_producers_promise_bread_maidan_in_august_323774

Ukrainians believe Russia and Yanukovich organized war in Donbas, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Almost 60% of Ukrainians believe that Russian special services are involved in the current military confrontation in eastern Ukraine.

These are the results of a survey conducted from June 28 to July 10 and released by the Rating sociological group, Ukrinform reported.

"Over half of respondents (58%) believe that Russia's security services are behind the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine, and half (49%) think that the entourage of former President [Viktor] Yanukovich is involved in this," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians_believe_russia_and_yanukovich_organized_war_in_donbas_324161

Ukrainian economy shrinks 4.7%, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's GDP decline in the second quarter of 2014 compared to the same period last year accelerated to 4.7%, the State Statistics Service reported on Wednesday.

"Ukraine's GDP in the second quarter of 2014 compared to the second quarter of 2013 (at constant prices in 2007) amounted to 95.3%," a press release reads.

Compared to the first quarter of 2014 (seasonally adjusted), Ukraine's economy shrank 2.3% in April-June.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_economy_shrinks_47_324584

War in Ukraine coming to an end - Fesenko, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. The military operation in eastern Ukraine may enter its final phase in August 2014, and it has actually begun.

A political scientist and head of the Penta Center for Applied Political Studies, Volodymyr Fesenko, said this at a press conference at Ukrinform on Wednesday.

"The war is already entering its final phase. The main task of August is to release Luhansk and Donetsk as part of the anti-terrorist operation and gradually start restoring peaceful life. There are chances for this. Of course, Russia is trying to help separatists in every way possible. Therefore, tanks, mortars, and Grad launchers appear there. But the most effective road to peace is the ousting of separatists and Russian mercenaries from the Donbas. I hope that there will be some progress here," the expert said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/war_in_ukraine_coming_to_an_end_fesenko_324609

Statements of officials

Ukrainian president ends ceasefire in Donbas – address, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Following a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council on June 30, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has decided to end a unilateral ceasefire in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the presidential press service has reported.

Thus, the term of the ceasefire announced by the president on June 20 and extended until 22.00 Kyiv time on June 30 is considered as expired, according to the report.

"We will attack and liberate our land. The end of the ceasefire is our response to terrorists, militants, looters, all those who mock the civilians, who paralyze the economy of the region, who disrupt the payment of salaries, pensions, stipends, who blast railroads and destroy water pipelines, those who have deprived people of a normal peaceful life," the president said in his address to the nation early on July 1.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_president_ends_ceasefire_in_donbas_address_323220

Russia moving troops, military hardware and finances to eastern Ukraine - NATO, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Russia is continuing to support the conflict in eastern Ukraine with troops, military hardware and finances. Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe, said this at a news conference at the Pentagon. "Russian irregular forces are very active inside eastern Ukraine. Russian-backed forces are active inside eastern Ukraine. And Russian financing is very active inside eastern Ukraine," he said.

Russian regular military forces are facilitating the movement of forces, equipment and finances across the Ukrainian border, he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_moving_troops_military hardware_and_finances_to_eastern_ukraine_nato_323232

Ukraine in state of real war - Yatseniuk, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is in a state of real war being waged in different areas - military, economic and informational.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at an international conference "From State to Public Broadcasting" in Kyiv on Tuesday.

"The truth, first and foremost, is necessary for millions of Ukrainians, especially in these difficult times, when Ukraine is in a state of real war: a military, economic, undeclared, and, particularly effective, informational war," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_in_state_of_real_war_yatseniuk_323234

Turchynov: Only president can introduce martial law, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov has again reminded MPs that martial law can be introduced only by the president.

He said this from the rostrum, when asked by MPs why there is no resolution on the imposition of martial law in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Martial law can be introduced only by a presidential decree and within two days the parliament must approve this decision," Turchynov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_only_president_can_introduce_martial_law_323236

Talks with rebels on release of TV journalists ongoing - Ukrainian Security Council, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. The negotiations on the release of journalist Nastya Stanko and a Hromadske.TV cameraman from the captivity of terrorists are ongoing.

National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"They are alive. The negotiations continue. We hope that everything will be all right," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/talks_with_rebels_on_release_of_tv_journalists_ongoing_ukrainian_security_council_323246

UN chief saddened by disruption of truce in eastern Ukraine, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has deplored the resumption of fire in eastern Ukraine, his spokesman, Stephane Dujarric has said, according to BBC Ukrainian.

"The secretary-general is following with grave concern reports of renewed fighting in eastern Ukraine and is extremely disappointed that the unilateral ceasefire declared by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko never achieved the momentum needed to end the violence," he said at a briefing in New York on Tuesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_chief_saddened_by_disruption_of_truce_in_eastern_ukraine_323254

NSDC chief says Russia may start open aggression at any moment, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Russia may move to open military aggression against Ukraine at any moment, Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Parubiy said on the Svoboda Slova talk show on Tuesday.

He said that Ukraine is preparing for the fact that Russia may resort to direct involvement of its troops in the conflict.

"We understand that there may be a direct advance of Russian troops. And we understand that this can happen at any time and at any night," the NSDC chief noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_chief_says_russia_may_start_open_aggression_at_any_moment_323256

Parubiy: Imposing martial law today would affect efficiency of anti-terrorist operation, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. The introduction of martial law in the Donbas will have a negative impact on the efficiency of the current anti-terrorist operation (ATO), because a pause will be needed to rebuild the system of handling the operation.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council Secretary Andriy Parubiy said this live on the Freedom of Speech program on ICTV television channel, Ukrinform reported.

"Imposing martial law today means absolutely changing the structure and logic of handling the operation that is being conducted now. In fact, this would be an unacceptable pause for the operation's efficiency," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parubiy_imposing_martial_law_today_would_affect_efficiency_of_anti_terrorist_operation_323267

Terrorists hit Ukrainian plane, get tough response, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists hit a Su-24 aircraft involved in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine with a MANPADS missile, but the pilot managed to destroy the missile launcher and then landed the plane, ATO press officer Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky has told Interfax-Ukraine.

"A Su-24 plane came under fire while flying over the Donetsk region. A total of four MANPADS missiles were launched. One missile hit the plane, and an engine caught fire. The pilot managed to stop the engines and extinguish the fire. He also managed to destroy the anti-aircraft launcher that had hit it," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_hit_ukrainian_plane_get_tough_response_323273

Terrorists escaping from Donetsk, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have begun evacuation from the seized building of the Donetsk Regional State Administration and are trying to escape from the city. The chief of the information center of the National Security and Defense Council, Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Wednesday.

"They are planning to withdraw from the city all the financial resources and weapons they have," he said.

As per him, Chechen mercenaries are dealing with the organization of the escape.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_escaping_from_donetsk_323280

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211812.html>

Europe says ready to impose sanctions on Russia at any time, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has claimed that the heads of state and government of the EU member countries are ready to meet at any time at a special summit to make a decision on the further strengthening of sanctions against Russia if the situation requires.

European Council President Herman Van Rompuy recalled such a European Council decision of June 27 in his speech at a plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"On Friday [June 27], after speaking with [Ukrainian] President [Petro] Poroshenko, the European Council laid out a set of urgent and concrete steps on which our next decisions would depend. The Council will assess the situation and, should it be required, adopt the necessary decisions. The European Council leaders are committed to reconvene at any time for further significant restrictive measures [concerning Russia]," Van Rompuy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe_says_ready_to_impose_sanctions_on_russia_at_any_time_323285

Terrorists may hamper transit of gas to Europe - NSDC, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. In the village of Velyka Verhunka in Luhansk region militants seized a compressor station, which maintains the necessary pressure in the pipe for gas supply via the international pipeline, spokesman for the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko told reporters on Wednesday.

"We have learnt that the station was captured by militants. Their intentions are not yet known to us, but we hope that nothing bad will happen," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_may_hamper_transit_of_gas_to_europe_nsd_323287

Kerry again demands Russia stop supporting separatists in southeastern Ukraine, 02.07.2014

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in a telephone conversation with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, has demanded that Russia stop supporting separatists in southeastern Ukraine, the U.S. Department of State reported on Wednesday.

In a statement released by the Department of State, Kerry "expressed strong concern

about the refusal of Russian-supported separatists to take the necessary steps" to enable the extension of a shaky ten-day ceasefire.

At the same time, he reiterated Washington's support for Kyiv and "stressed the importance of taking steps to de-escalate."

Kerry "also made clear that we and our European and international partners will continue to press Russia to end all support and weapons flowing to separatists."

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211696.html>

Kerry tells Poroshenko West will continue to put pressure on Russia - Department of State, 02.07.2014

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has assured Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko that Washington and its allies will continue to put pressure on Russia in the Ukrainian question.

"[Kerry] also talked to him [Poroshenko] a little bit about how we [the United States] and our European partners are willing to do more to press Russia to end support to the separatists [in southeastern Ukraine]; and said we are continually preparing more costs for Russia if it does not take further steps," State Department deputy spokesperson Marie Harf said at a briefing on Tuesday, speaking about a phone conversation between Kerry and Poroshenko.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211717.html>

Donetsk mayor: Situation in southeastern Ukraine exacerbated, 02.07.2014

The situation in southeastern Ukraine was exacerbated after the resumption of the anti-terrorist operation, Donetsk Mayor Oleksandr Lukyanchenko said.

"Tensions persist in the city. The situation worsened after the ceasefire had been called off. DPR supporters seized the regional department of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry yesterday. Several blocks adjacent to the building were cordoned off during the storm. Street car route No. 1 was out of service for six hours and trolley bus route No. 2 was halted for four hours. Traffic was restored everywhere in the evening. One police officer died and 20 people, among them five civilians, sustained wounds of various degrees," the mayor said at a press conference on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211754.html>

Batkivschyna, Svoboda factions in Ukrainian Rada demand immediate EU association deal ratification, 02.07.2014

The Ukrainian parliamentary factions of the Batkivschyna and Svoboda parties demand President Petro Poroshenko submit the association agreement with the EU to the Verkhovna Rada for ratification without delay.

"Our factions are asking for the ratification document to be immediately passed to the parliament," Borys Tarasiuk of the Batkivschyna faction said at the Rada's morning session on Wednesday.

Oleh Tiahnybok, the leader of the Svoboda faction, said that, apart from ratifying the association agreement, the two factions insist on immediately passing 15 other bills. Among them are draft resolutions on revoking the visa-free agreement between the Ukrainian and Russian governments, on severing diplomatic ties between Ukraine and Russia, on suspending accreditation of Russian media outlets in Ukraine, and on a moratorium on imports of Russian-made military products.

Tiahnybok said also that the Verkhovna Rada should adopt an appeal to the United Nations and the Council of Europe to expel Russia from these organizations.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211768.html>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mp_vlasenko_urges_poroshenko_to_declare_martial_law_323293

Training base for saboteurs being created in Crimea, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Russia is continuing to use the territory of Crimea to recruit mercenaries, as well as to train, arm and transfer them to eastern Ukraine. National Security and Defense Council information center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported. "For this purpose a military base is being created near Simferopol to train saboteurs for terrorist activity on Ukraine's mainland," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/training_base_for_saboteurs_being_created_in_crimea_323291

Ukraine-EU immediately after submission by president – Turchynov, 02.07.2014

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will consider an Association Agreement Ukraine – EU in the session hall of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine immediately when President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko submits it to the parliament.

Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov said this opening the sitting of the parliament.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934968-vr-to-consider-association-agreement-ukraine-eu-immediately-after-submission-by-president-turchynov.html>

Avakov's counselor: More than 1000 fighters eliminated in first days after truce, 02.07.2014

Counselor of the Interior Minister of Ukraine Zoryan Schkiryak states that on July 1, on the first day of antiterrorist operation after termination of the truce in Donbass the ATO forces caused considerable damage to separatists.

"The first day of renewal of ATO active phase. In brief: Attack. Forces of the National Guard and Armed Forces released some strategically important cities in the Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts from Russian mercenaries and resumed control over "Dolzhanskyi" checkpoint. More than 1000 fighters were eliminated by powerful strikes on bases and positions of terrorists", - Schkiryak said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934980-avakovs-counselor-more-than-1000-fighters-eliminated-in-first-days-after-truce.html>

Presidential administration says ceasefire possible, but on certain terms, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko may return to the regime of non-use of force in the Donbas, but only if the main conditions set out in a European Council decision of June 27 are met.

Deputy Head of Ukraine's Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said this at a meeting with diplomats on Wednesday, the press service of the head of state reported.

"The Ukrainian president may return to the regime of non-use of force in the Donbas, once the main conditions set out in the European Council's decision of June 27 are met - a bilateral ceasefire, control over the border with OSCE monitoring, the release of all hostages and the launch of substantial consultations with no additional conditions," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/presidential_administration_says_ceasefire_possible_but_on_certain_terms_323313

Foreign ministry: Russia impresses entire system of international relations with 'virus of permissiveness', 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Russia impresses the entire system of international relations with the "virus of permissiveness", the Director of the Information Policy Department at the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry, Yevhen Perebyinis, commented on the statements by Russian President Vladimir Putin, which he made Tuesday at a meeting of ambassadors and permanent representatives of Russia, Ukrinform's Moscow correspondent reported.

"In reality, unfortunately, the President of Russia somehow does not see that the virus of permissiveness and disregard of international law, in particular with regard to Ukraine, has been generated in the great-power politics of Russia and now painfully affects the entire system of international relations," the diplomat said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_russia_impresses_entire_system_of_international_relations_with_virus_of_permissiveness_323310

Russia manipulating figures on refugees - Foreign Ministry, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Russia is manipulating the number of refugees from Ukraine and includes in this group all those who cross the Russian-Ukrainian border.

The director of the information policy department of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry, Yevhen Perebyinis, said this at a press conference in Kyiv on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The concerned authorities of Ukraine, including border guards and the migration service, have repeatedly denied misleading reports from the Russian Federation about tens and hundreds of thousands of refugees leaving Ukraine for Russia. In this case, there is a manipulation of the figures, because all those who cross the Ukrainian-Russian border are immediately considered to be refugees," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_manipulating_figures_on_refugees_foreign_ministry_323315

West ready to give Ukraine 1.5 bln euros to restore Donbas, Herashchenko says, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Western partners are ready to provide Ukraine with 1.5 billion euros for the restoration of infrastructure and creation of new jobs in Donetsk and Luhansk regions to stabilize the situation in the region.

UDAR Party MP Iryna Herashchenko, the president's representative for the peaceful settlement of the situation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, said this at a roundtable on Wednesday.

"For each of these items [President Poroshenko's peaceful plan - ed.] there are concrete suggestions on how to implement them ... If it is about rebuilding infrastructure, we already have an agreement with our Western partners that they are ready to provide half a billion euros for infrastructure projects, new jobs and housing reconstruction in these regions," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/west_ready_to_give_ukraine_15_bln_euros_to_restore_donbas_herashchenko_says_323317

Ukrainian security forces attacked 19 times in last 24 hours, three soldiers killed - NSDC, 02.07.2014

Illegal armed groups have opened fire on the positions of the Ukrainian military in eastern Ukraine 19 times over the last 24 hours, and three servicemen have been killed, whereas losses among the gunmen are in the hundreds, the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) has said.

"In general, throughout the day the terrorists carried out 19 attacks on roadblocks and other positions of the Ukrainian military. The attacks were repulsed, but due to these attacks three soldiers were killed and ten more wounded," NSDC information center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

He said that some militant groups were attempting to break out of their encirclement. In particular, the attacks were carried out on the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces on Mount Karachun and on a few more roadblocks near Sloviansk, the Donetsk region.

"All of the attacks were successfully repulsed," Lysenko said, adding that one Ukrainian soldier was killed and some wounded in these attacks.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211775.html>

Russia closes three motor crossing points on border with Ukraine to prevent militants returning home – NSDC, 02.07.2014

Russia has closed three international motor vehicle crossing points on the border with Ukraine in an attempt not to let militants from Ukraine enter Russian territory, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko reported.

"Yesterday in the course of the day Russia shut three checkpoints on the border with Ukraine. In particular, on July 1 the international motor vehicle crossing points at Hukovo, Donetsk, and Novoshakhtynsk of Rostov region were closed," Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211780.html>

200 servicemen and law-enforcers killed during anti-terrorist operation in Ukraine's east – Security and Defense Council, 02.07.2014

Two hundred Ukrainian servicemen and law enforcement personnel died and 619 people were wounded in eastern Ukraine since the anti-terrorist operation started, the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council said.

"The total number of dead is 200 people since the counter-terrorism operation started," Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council information center representative Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211823.html>

Ukrainian defense ministers claims 29 troops captured in southeast, 02.07.2014

A total of 29 Ukrainian troops have been captured by illegal armed groups in southeast Ukraine, Ukraine's Acting Defense Minister Mykhailo Koval said.

"To date, 29 military hostages are in captivity," Koval said on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211831.html>

200 Ukrainian military killed in ATO - NSDC, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Since the beginning of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in Ukraine 200 military have been killed, of them - five - since the suspension of the truce, spokesman for the Information Center of the National Security and Defence Council Andriy Lysenko told reporters on Wednesday.

"The Armed Forces of Ukraine lost in ATO 150 persons, the Security Service of Ukraine - 7 persons, the State Border Guard Service - 6, the National Guard of the Interior Ministry - 13 persons and actually policemen - 24. Overall - 200 people," Lysenko said. According to him, since the start of ATO 619 have been wounded, 31 of them after the suspension of the truce, that is, for the last 2 days.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/200_ukrainian_military_killed_in_ato_nsd_323321

Trilateral contact group to establish 'reliable mutual truce' in Donbas, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. A trilateral contact group consisting of representatives of Ukraine, Russia and the OSCE should resume its work before July 5 in order to reach agreement on establishing the regime of a bilateral ceasefire in eastern Ukraine.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said this at a press conference after a meeting with his counterparts from France, Russia and Ukraine in Berlin on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent in Germany reported.

"We have reached a common understanding that the trilateral contact group should resume its work before July 5 to hold negotiations with those responsible for the establishment of a bilateral ceasefire," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/trilateral_contact_group_to_establish_reliable_mutual_truce_in_donbas_323326

Naftogaz: 20 European traders ready to supply reverse gas to Ukraine, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. About 20 European gas suppliers, including large traders of the European Union, expressed a desire to supply gas to Ukraine through Slovakia, the operator of the Slovak gas transit system Eustream said after the Open Season procedures for accepting applications for reverse gas supplies to Ukraine.

NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine said this in a statement.

"Open Season's convincing results confirm that gas supplies to Ukraine from the EU is a commercially attractive and legally irreproachable business. Powerful Ukrainian market is very interesting for Europeans," Naftogaz CEO Andriy Kobolev said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/naftogaz_20_european_traders_ready_to_supply_reverse_gas_to_ukraine_323330

Batkivshchyna demands new draft amendments to Constitution, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. The parliamentary faction of the Batkivshchyna party on Thursday authorized chairman of the faction Serhiy Sobolev to urgently appeal to President Peter Poroshenko to postpone the consideration of draft amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine.

The faction's press office said in a statement on Thursday.

Batkivshchyna insists that the President introduce new draft amendments to the Constitution, which does not provide for the usurpation of power by the new head of state and will provide a real decentralization of power.

This has been also confirmed by Batkivshchyna MP Borys Tarasiuk.

"We believe that the majority of factions, and yesterday's evening consultations showed that, favor the postponement of the consideration of the Constitution issue in order to hold consultations between factions," Tarasiuk told journalists.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna_demands_new_draft_amendments_to_constitution_323332

Latvia's former president: Putin has gone too far, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. The behavior of Russian President Vladimir Putin on the international scene is beyond the conventional framework, former Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga (1999-2007) said in an interview with the 900 seconds TV program on the LNT television channel, the Latvian media reported .

"Putin's vision of international relations is radically different from the conventional concept," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/latvias_former_president_putin_has_gone_too_far_323334

Terrorists disoriented, their leaders hiding information about losses - ATO press officer, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists operating in the Donbas are completely disoriented and sustained heavy losses in manpower and technology, the spokesman for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky, has told Channel 5 by phone.

He said that about 15,000 militants were currently operating in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The ATO press center also said that Ukrainian government forces were continuing to release the captured towns in the east and intensifying their actions.

"The ATO units within two days fulfilled their task of freeing the captured towns. The populated centers of Zakotne, Raihorodok, Riznykivka and Rai-Oleksandrivka were taken under control. The prerequisites were created for taking control of the settlement of Mykolaivka, thereby cutting off supplies to terrorists of logistics from the east. Contact was established with the roadblock that was in a difficult condition for a long time, communication was established, and food and water are now delivered to people. Actions in this area are intensifying," Dmytrashkivsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_disoriented_their_leaders_hiding_information_about_losses_ato_press_officer_323336

Russian helicopters violate Ukrainian air space - NSDC, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. On Thursday, July 3, a Ukrainian border squad recorded the fact of aerial reconnaissance and violation of the Ukrainian air space by three Russian military helicopters, spokesman for the Information Center of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko told reporters on Thursday.

"Today at 08.20 two Mi-8 helicopters and one Mi-24 were seen near the settlements of Belovodsk, Krasnotalivka, Kamyshne in Luhansk region and Dolzhansky border crossing, they demonstratively flew along the Ukrainian-Russian border," Lysenko said.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_helicopters_violate_ukrainian_air_space_nsdsc_323342

Defence Minister Heletey promises victory parade in Sevastopol, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Newly appointed Defence Minister Valeriy Heletey promised to hold a victory parade in Sevastopol.

He said this in his speech in the Verkhovna Rada on Thursday.

"We will ensure peace and harmony in our country. Be sure there will be many victories. We can bring peace and harmony to our home. I am convinced that Ukraine will win. And believe me, a victory parade will certainly be held in Ukrainian Sevastopol," Heletey said.

At the same time, he thanked his predecessor, Mykhailo Koval, who "managed to stop the process of separatism in Ukraine."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/defence_minister_heletey_promises_victory_parade_in_sevastopol_323348

Poroshenko: Constitutional amendments a major part of peace plan, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has described a new draft of constitutional amendments as a major part of his plan for the settlement of the situation in the Donbas and as an antidote to federalization.

The head of state said this from the Verkhovna Rada rostrum on Thursday, while presenting his draft of amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine.

"Amendments to the Constitution are a major part of my peace plan," Poroshenko said.

"This is also an antidote to federalization, a strong vaccine against it. Ukraine has been and will remain a unitary state. This principle is inviolable," Poroshenko said.

"If the Verkhovna Rada supports the draft amendments to the constitution, this day will disappoint all enemies of our country obsessed with a federalization plan as a tool to split our country," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_constitutional_amendments_a_major_part_of_peace_plan_323353

Armed forces of Ukraine don't shell residential areas – Koval, 03.07.2014

The Armed Forces of Ukraine are banned from using rockets and artillery near residential areas, former acting Defense Minister Mykhailo Koval said.

"The Armed Forces of Ukraine and National Guard are banned from employing rocket artillery in residential areas," he said at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

In particular, acting minister denied claims made in the media about a number of civilians being killed by Ukrainian forces in Luhansk region on July 2, adding that there was no military action by Ukraine there.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211962.html>

Ukrainian Defense Ministry denies alleged death of 40 paratroopers, 03.07.2014

The information reported by some mass media outlets and social networks about the deaths of 40 paratroopers is not true, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry posted in a statement on its Web site on Thursday.

"During the first half of July 3 the Ukrainian Armed Forces have no troops killed or wounded," the Defense Ministry said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212006.html>

Merkel, Hollande, Putin welcome Berlin declaration, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Russian President Vladimir Putin during a joint telephone conversation on Thursday welcomed the outcome of the meeting of foreign ministers of the three countries and Ukraine, which took place on Wednesday in Berlin.

German government spokesman Steffen Seibert announced this on Thursday, according to a Ukrinform correspondent.

"Participants in the telephone conversation welcomed the outcome of the meeting of the four foreign ministers," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_hollande_putin_welcome_berlin_declaration_323370

SBU chief again accuses Russia of helping militants in arms supplies to Ukraine, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Russian border guards continue to let arms through their border, Head of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Valentyn Nalyvaichenko told.

"We are talking about huge batches of arms: grenades, machine guns and heavy weapons, especially tanks. They are let through along with mercenaries. This is very serious. Russia must stop it by all means," Nalyvaichenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_chief_again_accuses_russia_of_helping_militants_in_arms_supplies_to_ukraine_323376

Merkel, Obama insist on bilateral truce in Ukraine, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama during a telephone conversation on Thursday emphasized the importance of achieving a bilateral ceasefire in eastern Ukraine as soon as possible.

This was stated by German government spokesman Steffen Seibert, a Ukrinform correspondent in Germany reported.

"During the telephone conversation, the federal chancellor and the U.S. president stressed the importance of a rapid bilateral ceasefire," he said.

In this regard, they urged Russia to "influence the separatists" so that they agreed to a truce, as well as to prevent "further penetration into Ukraine from the Russian territory of weapons and fighters."

"The chance for a bilateral ceasefire cannot be missed out again," the German and U.S. leaders said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_obama_insist_on_bilateral_truce_in_ukraine_323383

Ukraine controlling most districts in Donbas - NSDC, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Since the beginning of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions 17 settlements have been freed from militants, and now Ukraine is controlling 23 districts out of 36, particularly 13 in the Donetsk region and 10 in the Luhansk region.

National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) Secretary Andriy Parubiy said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Friday.

"Very often Russian media say that militants control the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, so I would like to give correct statistics on which we can focus. As of today the state authorities of Ukraine are controlling 23 districts out of 36, in particular, over two-thirds in the Donetsk region - 13 out of 18 districts, and more than half in the Luhansk region - 10 out of 18," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_controlling_most_districts_in_donbas_nsd_323394

NBU predicts Ukraine's economic growth next year, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) predicts GDP growth in Ukraine next year by 1-2%.

NBU head Valeria Hontareva said this during a video teleconference with London at the conference "The European vector of Ukraine: the impact on business" on Friday in Kyiv. "Despite the difficult situation in the east of the country, the economy of Ukraine demonstrates a sufficient level of resistance to shock events. Already next year we expect the resumption of GDP growth at 1-2%," Hontareva said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_predicts_ukraines_economic_growth_next_year_323397

Russia threatens Ukraine with direct military aggression - NSDC, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. A propaganda campaign on bringing so-called Russian "peacekeepers" to Ukraine, which has recently intensified, can only be regarded as a threat of direct military aggression, Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Parubiy told reporters in Kyiv on Friday.

"Bringing a peacekeeping mission can only occur under the auspices of the UN. What Russia and its leadership proclaim is a threat of direct aggression against Ukraine," Parubiy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_threatens_ukraine_with_direct_military_aggression_nsd_323399

Russia preparing for new provocations in Ukraine this autumn - Parubiy, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Russia is planning to make a new attempt to destabilize the situation in Ukraine in September and October.

National Security and Defense Council Secretary Andriy Parubiy said this at a briefing on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We have information that in the near future (some of their analysts talk about September-October) there will be a new attempt to destabilize the situation in eight southeastern regions of Ukraine," he said.

According to Parubiy, Russia counts on the discontent of people with the economic policies of the new government. "They suggest that unpopular reforms that the Ukrainian government is forced to conduct will lead to social tensions and increased protest mood, which could become a new ground for destabilization," he said.

That is why, in his opinion, Russia will try to "conserve" the situation this summer.

"During the summer, understanding that there will be no serious political activity, they will try to conserve it in order to prepare for the autumn and organize a second wave of destabilization in Ukraine," Parubiy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_preparing_for_new_provocations_in_ukraine_this_autumn_p_arubiy_323401

Document declaring martial law in Donetsk and Luhansk regions already drafted - NSDC secretary, 04.07.2014

The secretary of Ukraine's NSDC, Andriy Parubiy, has admitted that martial law could soon be declared in the country's eastern region.

"I do not rule out that there may come a time when it will prove necessary to declare martial law," Parubiy said at a press briefing on Friday, adding that he was speaking about the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

NSDC has already drafted a document that permits the introduction of martial law in these parts of the country, he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212133.html>

Fighters refuse to create corridor for peaceful civilians from ATO area, 04.07.2014

Fighters refuse to create corridor for peaceful civilians from ATO area Secretary of NSDC Andriy Parubiy said this. According to his words, as of now there is no full-fledged corridor because fighters refuse to take part in its forming.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/936036-fighters-refuse-to-create-corridor-for-peaceful-civilians-from-ato-area.html>

Nine Ukrainian servicemen killed on Friday, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have lost nine Ukrainian servicemen as of 14.00 on Friday, and 13 more have been wounded, the ATO press center has reported on its Facebook page.

As reported, 197 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed since the beginning of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nine_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_on_friday_323403

Armed people seize office at regional archive building in Donetsk - authorities, 04.07.2014

Armed persons entered one of the offices of the Donetsk region's archives, located in Donetsk, at around noon on Friday, the Donetsk regional administration said.

These people have demanded that archive employees hand all documents kept in this part of the archive and the keys to its offices over to them, it said.

"Six female employees remain in the archive building at the moment. This part of the archive stores documents linked with industrial enterprises of the region, as well as salaries paid to people in this region at different times," according to the press release.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212129.html>

ICAO says Crimea part of Ukraine - State Aviation Administration, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The position of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) over the belonging of the airspace over the Autonomous Republic of Crimea has remained unchanged: it is controlled by Ukraine.

Chairman of the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine Denys Antoniuk said this after an informal meeting with ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin and Regional Director of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office Luis Almeida on Friday, the press service of the Ministry of Infrastructure said in a statement.

"The information distributed by the Russian media regarding ICAO's support for Russia's belonging of the airspace over Crimea is not true. ICAO's position regarding support for a UN resolution on Ukraine's territorial integrity remains unchanged," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/icao_says_crimea_part_of_ukraine_state_aviation_administration_323406

Russia prepares plan of intrusion into Ukraine, sources say, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Russia has developed a plan of intrusion of "peacekeeping forces" into eastern Ukraine. Negotiations are underway on the date of bringing the "peacekeepers" into Ukraine, the bulk of them will consist of Russian troops, a Ukrinform reporter in Moscow learned from a source with the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"Talks have reopened now, based on the situation [in the east of Ukraine - ed.] there. Our task is to agree on the deployment of peacekeeping troops [to the territory of Ukraine - ed.], where 60% will be ours [Russian troops - ed.]. An action plan on this issue has been already developed," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_prepares_plan_of_intrusion_into_ukraine_sources_say_323414

UN deeply concerned about death of civilians in Donbas, 05.07.2014

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay has expressed deep concern about the reports on the death of people, in particular a five-year-old girl, in Donetsk and Luhansk.

"She [Pillay] is particularly concerned about the statement posted on the Web site of one of the leaders of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic that minor children and women are legitimate targets and the goal is to "immerse them in horror," Pillay said citing the statement to Ukraine's Foreign Ministry.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212233.html>

Moscow should influence separatists to settle situation in Ukraine - Rasmussen, 05.07.2014

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen has urged Russia to convince separatists in eastern Ukraine of the need for a dialogue with Kyiv.

"I have no doubt that Russia is actively participating in destabilizing the situation in the east of Ukraine and, of course, it has a strong influence on pro-Russian separatists in the region. For this reason, we urge Russia to use this influence and encourage separatists to participate in a political dialogue with Kyiv's leaders," he said in an interview with U.S. TV channel CNBC.

"We also call on Russia to stop the flow of weapons across the border, withdraw troops from the border and discourage separatists from violence," the official said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212234.html>

Luhansk, Donetsk will be locked in siege - Kyiv, 07.07.2014

Ukraine's law enforcement units will seize Luhansk and Donetsk in a grip, the National Security and Defense Council's deputy secretary, Mykhailo Koval, said.

"A clear-cut strategic plan has been generated by our president and commander-in-chief, and it has been confirmed. It is focused on two regional centers - Donetsk and Luhansk. These two cities will be locked in siege with corresponding measures taken to force the separatists and bandits to lay down their arms," Koval said, when asked how feasible the prospect of storming these cities is.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212300.html>

Akhmetov: Donbas must not be targeted in air strikes, 07.07.2014

Donetsk and the rest of the Donbas region must not be targeted in air strikes, and talks must be held instead, Ukrainian businessman Rinat Akhmetov has said.

"No bombs must be dropped on Donetsk. Neither the city, nor the settlements, nor the infrastructure must be destroyed. And, most important, people must not die, or suffer," Akhmetov said in an interview with Ukraina Channel on Sunday.

Asked how the conflict in Donbas could be resolved, he said: "Talks must be held again, again and again. There is no other way. All will end in talks and in peace."

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212302.html>

Nine border guards killed in militant attacks in eastern Ukraine - Shysholin, 07.07.2014

Nine border guards have been killed and 112 injured during the actions of illegal armed groups in eastern Ukraine, First Deputy Head of the State Border Service Pavlo Shysholin has said.

"Today we have combat casualties – nine people who died in defense of the state border, and 112 wounded. The absolute majority are in hospitals - 67 people, and one in a very grave condition is in a specialized clinic in Israel," he said at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212367.html>

Poroshenko prepares 'unpleasant surprise' for terrorists - NSDC, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko approved a plan to liberate Luhansk and Donetsk, the spokesman for the National Security and Defence Council's information center, Andriy Lysenko, said at a briefing on Tuesday.

"Details of the plan cannot be disclosed, but this should be an unpleasant surprise for the terrorists," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_prepares_unpleasant_surprise_for_terrorists_nsd_323512

Association with Ukraine important for EU too - Italian FM Mogherini, 08.07.2014
KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The signing of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union is a very important step not only for Ukraine but also for the EU itself, Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini said at a joint briefing with head of the Ukrainian diplomacy Pavlo Klimkin in Kyiv on Tuesday.

"The signing of the Association Agreement Ukraine-EU is a very important step not only for Ukraine but also for the EU. No one shall see in the approximation of Ukraine to the EU any problems, warnings or additional concerns," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/association_with_ukraine_important_for_eu_too_italian_fm_mogherini_323516

DM Heletey: Talks with militants possible only after they lay down arms, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. There will be no unilateral ceasefire by the Ukrainian units involved in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), Defence Minister, Colonel-General Valeriy Heletey told reporters in the ATO area on Tuesday.

"The president declared this clearly. Now any negotiations are possible only after the militants lay down arms," the head of the defence agency said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dm_heletey_talks_with_militants_possible_only_after_they_lay_down_arms_323523

Turkey condemns Chubarov's Crimea entry ban, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. Turkey condemned the ban on entry to Crimea for Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People Refat Chubarov.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said this in a statement on Tuesday, BBC reported.

"The five-year ban has no legal or legitimate reason. This is an open violation of the European Convention on Human Rights," the Turkish foreign ministry said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turkey_condemns_chubarovs_crimea_entry_ban_323529

Avakov: Power supply restored in Sloviansk, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. Power supply has been resumed in three north-western districts of Sloviansk, however water supply will be restored in three days.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said this on Tuesday at a meeting with residents of the city, recently liberated from the terrorists.

"Power supply of part of Sloviansk started at 15.00," he said, adding that water will appear there in three days after the resumption of power supply as it is due to the peculiarities of the process.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/avakov_power_supply_restored_in_sloviansk_323531

Prosecutor General Yarema wants protesters to vacate Maidan, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Prosecutor General Vitaliy Yarema demands that protesters leave the central part of Kyiv and vacate the captured buildings.

He said this at a press briefing on Wednesday.

"I initiated an appeal to the Interior Ministry and the Security Service on taking urgent measures to restore law and order in central Kyiv," the chief prosecutor said.

According to him, what is happening now in central Kyiv is discrediting Maidan's dignity.

"Now we are dealing with a cheap imitation of the Maidan, a bunch of unknown origin.

Everyone who considers himself a patriot had the opportunity to join the National Guard," the Prosecutor General noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/prosecutor_general_yarema_wants_protesters_to_vacate_maidan_323551

National Guard officially states that it does not have "Grad" BM-21 launch vehicle, 09.07.2014

Command of the National Guard of Ukraine officially states that the subdivisions of the National Guard do not have "Grad" BM-21 launch vehicle.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/937569-national-guard-officially-states-that-it-does-not-have-grad-bm-21-launch-vehicle.html>

Yatseniuk calls on residents of liberated cities to back home, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk urged the residents of the cities liberated from terrorists to return home.

He said this at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers in Kyiv on Wednesday.

"Go back to your homes, let's together rebuild Luhansk and Donetsk regions after terrorists," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_calls_on_residents_of_liberated_cities_to_back_home_323557

OSCE special mission in Ukraine to include Russians to its staff, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) in Ukraine, whose mandate will be extended for half a year, will soon increase the number of its observers to 500 monitors, including Russian representatives, spokesperson for the OSCE special mission Michael Bociurkiw told reporters on Wednesday.

"Soon a decision will be made to increase the number of observers in Ukraine from 350 to more than 500 observers, with the subsequent extension of the mission for another six months," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_special_mission_in_ukraine_to_include_russians_to_its_staff_323561

Presidential Administration: Talks with terrorists unacceptable, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Negotiations with militants terrorizing the population in eastern Ukraine are unacceptable, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine Valeriy Chaly told reporters in Kyiv on Wednesday.

"We are not yet talking about any formal negotiations with terrorists. And this is unacceptable," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/presidential_administration_talks_with_terrorists_unacceptable_323563

Klimkin vows not to delay ratification of Association Agreement with Europe, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has said that he is not going to delay the process of ratification of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union. He said this in an interview with BBC Ukrainian.

"I may say very emotionally, but I've been working on the Association Agreement with the EU for four years not for the purpose of delaying its ratification now. As minister, I assure you that nobody will delay the process of ratification of the Association Agreement," he said.

"The main problem is the implementation of the agreement, because European integration means real reform that is needed for the prospects of future EU accession. A national plan is required for this goal, its first draft has already been prepared, and it is being considered, including by European institutions," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klimkin_vows_not_to_delay_ratification_of_association_agreement_with_europe_323574

Poroshenko: Lack of reforms should not be justified by military operations in eastern regions, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Lack of reforms in the economy and society should not be justified by military actions in the country, President Petro Poroshenko said, the president's press office reported on Wednesday.

"We should find the strength to win the fight against the enemy and terrorism, corruption, when the past draws and keeps us firmly back to the Soviet models of the functioning of the economy and society," Poroshenko said at a meeting with civil society activists.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_lack_of_reforms_should_not_be_justified_by_military_operations_in_eastern_regions_323580

ATO may last for one more month - interior minister's adviser, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian government forces have predicted that the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in Luhansk and Donetsk could be completed within a month. Stanislav Rechynsky, an adviser to the Ukrainian interior minister, said this live on the Ukraina television channel.

He said that the ATO had been progressing effectively in the last few days. "We already see a nervous condition among the terrorists," 112.ua quoted Rechynsky as saying.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_may_last_for_one_more_month_interior_ministers_adviser_323582

Hroisman says IDPs backing home, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Residents of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk, who have been forced to leave their homes and move to other regions of Ukraine, begin to back home, Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Utility Services Volodymyr Hroisman told reporters on Thursday.

"According to our information and information of the ATO headquarters, people [internally displaced persons - ed.] are already returning to their homes ... The reverse process has begun," Hroisman said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman_says_idps_backing_home_323584

PM Yatseniuk vows most extensive privatization in Ukraine, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk promises to announce the most ambitious privatization in the history of Ukraine.

He said this at the All-Ukrainian Agricultural Forum in Kyiv on Thursday.

According to Yatseniuk, next week the government will consider a draft law on the list of objects that are not subject to privatization. "We will declare the most extensive privatization for all 20 years," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_yatseniuk_vows_most_extensive_privatization_in_ukraine_323588

Six Russian helicopters violate Ukrainian airspace, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Russia is continuing to commit outright provocations on the border with Ukraine, in particular, violating Ukrainian airspace.

Spokesman for the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Thursday, a Ukrinform reporter said.

"Our border guards registered six Russian helicopters flying four kilometers into Ukraine near the settlement of Ilyenkove, which returned later," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_russian_helicopters_violate_ukrainian_airspace_323592

FM Klimkin: No talks with occupants on Crimea, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine will not conduct negotiations with Russia regarding the conditions of existence of Crimea, which continues to be Ukrainian, Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told a press briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

"We certainly will not hold any negotiations on the conditions for the existence of Crimea. Crimea was Ukrainian and Crimea will be Ukrainian," Klimkin said.

At the same time, the Ukrainian diplomat emphasized that consultations with the occupants to address the economic and humanitarian aspects of the lives of Ukrainian citizens on the peninsula are critically needed.

"We must support the Ukrainians who live there. We must support the Crimean Tatars, who live there. Many Russians who live there also do not support the occupation of Crimea," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fm_klimkin_no_talks_with_occupants_on_crimea_323594

Klimkin: Last talks on east Ukraine held without Medvedchuk, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. The last trilateral meeting of the contact group involving Ukraine, Russia and the OSCE on the settlement of the conflict in the Donbas has been held without Ukrainian Choice movement leader Viktor Medvedchuk.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

"[Medvedchuk] did not participate in the latest round of talks, however, he helped with the contacts," the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper quoted Klimkin as saying.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klimkin last talks on east ukraine held without medvedchuk 323598](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klimkin_last_talks_on_east_ukraine_held_without_medvedchuk_323598)

Nearly 500 civilians killed in eastern Ukraine, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. As many as 478 civilians have been killed during the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine.

Ukrainian Deputy Health Minister Vasyl Lazoryshynets said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

"We are monitoring the number of the deceased civilians, and, unfortunately, 478 people have currently been killed," he said.

He said that those killed included 30 women and seven children.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nearly_500_civilians_killed_in_eastern_ukraine_323611

Foreign Ministry says filmmaker Sentsov remains Ukrainian citizen, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian consuls are not allowed to see Ukrainian film director Oleh Sentsov and three more residents of Crimea, who are now in prison in Russia, because the Russian side thinks the prisoners are Russian citizens.

Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights Valeria Lutkovska said this at a briefing on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Due to the fact that they - Oleh Sentsov and three more citizens of Ukraine - are in custody in Russia and Russia sees them as citizens of Russia, it deprives them of the possibility to obtain legal assistance from Ukraine's consul," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_says_filmmaker_sentsov_remains_ukrainian_citizen_323617

Chubarov says Mejlis will be banned in Crimea in autumn, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. The self-proclaimed Crimean authorities may ban the activity of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people this autumn.

Mejlis leader Refat Chubarov said this at a briefing on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"This autumn the repressive machine of the new Crimean authorities will start banning the activity of public organizations, including the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars," Chubarov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/chubarov_says_mejlis_will_be_banned_in_crimea_in_autumn_323619

Sloviansk residents still in full information isolation - Lutkovska, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Sloviansk residents remain in information isolation and do not know what is really happening in the country, Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights Valeria Lutkovska told a press briefing on Thursday.

"There is another problem for Sloviansk residents - they are in complete information vacuum. In fact, the square in front of the city council building is the only place where they can find some information," Lutkovska said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sloviansk_residents_still_in_full_information_isolation_lutkovska_323621

478 civilians died, almost 1400 wounded during carrying out of ATO, 10.07.2014

Deputy Health Minister of Ukraine Vasyl Lazoryshynets said this at news conference in the Cabinet of Ministers. 478 civilians died, almost 1400 wounded during carrying out of ATO / REUTERS During carrying out of Antiterrorist operation (ATO) 478 civilians died

(out of them 30 women and 7 children). According to an UNIAN correspondent, deputy Health Minister of Ukraine Vasyl Lazorishinets said this at news conference in the Cabinet of Ministers. "The losses among civilians are larger than among military men. 1392 people wounded, among them 108 women and 14 children. As of today 279 patients undergo a medical treatment in hospitals", - said Lazorishinets.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938288-478-civilians-died-almost-1400-wounded-during-carrying-out-of-ato.html>

Ukraine's Justice Ministry to ask Council of Europe to declare Ukrainian pilot Lukashenko: No war of peoples in Ukraine, there're dishonest politicians, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko believes that the cause of the crisis in eastern Ukraine were the actions of dishonest politicians, the Belarusian news agency Belta reported.

"There is no war of the peoples today. The Ukraine people is not fighting with the people, with Belarusians, Russians and so on, and even with Ukrainians," Lukashenko said at the opening ceremony of the International Art Festival - Slavic Bazaar in Vitebsk. According to him, there are "rascal, dishonest politicians."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lukashenko_no_war_of_peoples_in_ukraine_there're_dishonest_politicians_323632

Russian TV journalists pose threat to civilians - NSDC, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. There are numerous facts proving that Russian television channels in Luhansk make staged firing scenes with terrorists posing as the Ukrainian military.

Spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Friday

"These facts show the real threat to civilians in areas where there are Russian TV journalists," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_tv_journalists_pose_threat_to_civilians_nsdc_323646

Amnesty International has evidence of torture and kidnappings in eastern Ukraine, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. International human rights organization Amnesty International has collected evidence of torture used with regard to activists, protesters and journalists in eastern Ukraine in the last three months, Radio Liberty has reported.

"Amnesty International has compiled a list of 100 civilians who were captured by the parties to the conflict. The UN has recorded 222 cases of abduction in the last three months. The Interior Ministry has data on 500 such cases. The bulk of the abductions are being perpetrated by armed separatists," Radio Liberty reported, citing Denis Krivosheev, Amnesty International's Deputy Director of Europe and Central Asia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/amnesty_international_has_evidence_of_torture_and_kidnappings_in_eastern_ukraine_323648

Interior Ministry specifying number of Ukrainian servicemen killed in Donetsk region, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Reports about the number of Ukrainian servicemen who were killed near the village of Zelenopillia in the Donetsk region in an attack by militants are currently being specified.

The interior minister's advisor, Zorian Shkiriak, said this at a briefing on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"According to publicly available information, 30 people shelled by militants with Grad systems have been killed. It's not ruled out there might be more victims," Shkiriak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/at_least_30_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_in_donetsk_region_interior_ministry_323650

Poroshenko: Militants to pay their lives for every Ukrainian soldier killed, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. President Petro Poroshenko on Friday held a meeting with the country's security officials over the use of the Russian BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers by militants against the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the president's press office said in a statement.

"For every life of our soldiers the militants will pay hundreds of their own. No terrorist will avoid responsibility, everyone will have it coming," Poroshenko emphasized.

The president noted that all soldiers who protect the border, airports in Donetsk and Luhansk and other cities and towns under fire, risking their lives every minute, are heroes, whom a whole of Ukraine believes in. "The government honors its heroes and remembers all who have given the most valuable, protecting it - life" he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_militants_to_pay_their_lives_for_every_ukrainian_soldier_killed_323666

Ukrainian Air Force put on full combat alert, fighter aircraft scrambled, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Air Force has been put on full combat alert because of numerous terrorist attacks in the east of the country, anti-terrorist operation (ATO) spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov has reported on Facebook.

"In order to reduce the response to possible threats from air space, due to the shelling of the strongholds of the military units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces taking part in the anti-terrorist operation in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions with BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers from the direction of the Russian Federation near the state border, Ukrainian air defense forces have been put on full combat alert," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_air_force_put_on_full_combat_alert_fighter_aircraft_scrambled_323682

Number of refugees from eastern Ukraine reaches 40,000, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. The number of refugees from eastern Ukraine has already reached almost 40,000 people, the State Service on Emergency Situations has reported.

"The total number of Ukrainian citizens who moved from the area of the anti-terrorist operation to other regions is 39,055 people, including 14,379 children, 4,893 people with disabilities and the elderly," the service's press office reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/number_of_refugees_from_eastern_ukraine_reaches_40000_323684

Russia plans to make pinpoint strikes on Ukraine, media reports say, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Moscow is studying the possibility of "making pinpoint retaliatory strikes" on Ukraine, a source close to the Kremlin told Kommersant.

"Our patience is not unlimited," he stressed.

However, he admitted that it is not about a full-scale action, but exclusively individual strikes on positions where the Russian territory had been allegedly fired from.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_plans_to_make_pinpoint_strikes_on_ukraine_media_reports_say_323703

Kolomoisky names main oligarch puppeteer in country, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Dnipropetrovsk governor Ihor Kolomoisky said the former head of Yanukovich's administration Serhiy Liovochkin is the main oligarch puppeteer in Ukraine.

"I believe that we have the main oligarch - he is Liovochkin. And the chief puppeteer is Liovochkin. He has always been. Firtash is a business unit of Liovochkin. Boiko was a bureaucratic division of Liovochkin," he said, adding that Liovochkin still has influence. Kolomoisky added that Firtash manages to influence the situation in the country even while pending extradition abroad.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kolomoisky_names_main_oligarch_puppeteer_in_country_323705

Ukrainian interior minister urges Maidan 'patriots' to go to front instead of parasitizing in central Kyiv, 14.07.2014

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov has said that police have information about those "who, under the guise of Maidan, commit unlawful actions," and vowed a due response.

"Police have a full dossier on everyone engaged in unlawful activities under the guise of Maidan. And police will take action," the interior minister said.

These "patriots" have some time to leave the center of Kyiv, "take up arms and go to the front, to really struggle for Ukraine in earnest and not parasitize in the center of the capital," he said.

"What is happening on Maidan now is a discreditation of its meaning, a retail sale of Ukraine. A concentration of incomprehensible, unlikeable, murky individuals on the country's main square" is, according to Avakov, a project of Russian secret agencies and "marginal parties which have gone into the past", he added.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213388.html>

Kravchuk believes Poland could help "calming" Putin, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. First President of Ukraine Leonid Kravchuk believes it is a mistake that Poland is not participating in international negotiations on settlement of the situation in Ukraine.

He said in an interview to the Polish TV channel tvn24.

"If other countries followed the example of Poland, the situation will be quite different and Putin would behave differently. That is why I am surprised that Poland was removed from negotiations between the West and Putin, concerning Ukraine. This is a mistake," Kravchuk said.

In his opinion, Warsaw must participate in negotiations, since it knows the situation in Ukraine the best.

"Ukraine should be helped differently. We will defend by themselves, but we will not be able to stop Putin by themselves. This must be a joint front against the Russian aggression. As soon as we create it, Putin will become calm," Kravchuk believes.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kravchuk_believes_poland_could_help_calming_putin_323713

NSDC says no confirmed info about possible use of Russian military in Ukraine on July 15, 14.07.2014

The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) does not currently have confirmed reports about Russia's alleged intention to use its special troops in Ukraine on July 15.

"We still do not have clear and confident information that what you said will begin on July 15," NSDC information center speaker Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing on Monday, while answering questions from reporters.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213442.html>

Ukrainian troops not shelling Donetsk, Luhansk - NSDC, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) emphasize that the Ukrainian troops are not shelling Donetsk and Luhansk.

Spokesman of the Information-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko said at a press conference at Ukrinform, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"I again emphasize that the Ukrainian military do not bomb the cities with the air force or artillery," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_not_shelling_donetsk_luhansk_nsd_323723

Ukraine has evidence that ATO forces shelled from Russian territory - NSDC, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. There are facts of shelling the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces from the Russian Federation, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, told reporters in Kyiv on Monday.

"Ukraine has all the documentary evidence of these facts for the appropriate international response," Lysenko said.

According to him, the events of recent days suggest that the Russian side has set its sights on the escalation of the conflict in Donbas.

"Over the past week the number of provocations on the Ukrainian-Russian border has substantially increased. Militants regularly shell the Russian territory with mortars, small arms, as a result a Russian citizen was killed," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_has_evidence_that_ato_forces_shelled_from_russian_territory_nsdc_323725

Kremlin not planning to bomb Ukraine - Peskov, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Spokesman Dmitry Peskov for Russian President Vladimir Putin called absurd the statements that Moscow plans to make pinpoint retaliatory strikes on the territory of Ukraine, Bloomberg reported citing Russian media.

"Nonsense, there is nothing to comment on, it's not true," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kremlin_not_planning_to_bomb_ukraine_peskov_323731

Donetsk mayor says about threat to his life and leaves for Kyiv, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Donetsk mayor Oleksandr Lukianchenko made a statement, saying that he left the city due to direct threats to his life.

He posted his video statement in YouTube of the Donbas TV channel.

"Three days ago, as the city mayor I received an ultimatum: they required not to be engaged in the provision of life of city residents, but the provision of military needs of the "Donetsk People's Republic..." I do not accept the ultimatum presented to me... My position does not allow me to stay in Donetsk, since they directly said that in this case my physical elimination is possible," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_mayor_says_about_threat_to_his_life_and_leaves_for_kyiv_video_323735

Poroshenko: Russian officers acting against ATO in eastern Ukraine, Russian arms used, 14.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said at a meeting with the heads of law enforcement agencies on Monday that Russian officers are acting and Russian weapons are being used against Ukrainian servicemen in eastern Ukraine.

"New Russian multiple rocket launchers have been used against the Ukrainian Armed Forces over the past three days," he said, adding that the data stating that Russian officers are involved in hostilities against the Ukrainian Armed Forces have been confirmed.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213459.html>

Ukraine on the brink of wide-scale aggression from Russia – Security & Defense Council, 14.07.2014

The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) announces that Ukraine is now on the brink of wide-scale aggression that may be committed by Russia.

"Unfortunately, Ukraine, as never before, is on the brink of wide-scale aggression from our northern neighbor," NSDC Deputy Secretary Mykhailo Koval said on ICTV on Monday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213525.html>

US Department of State accuses Russia of supporting militants, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The U.S. Department of State has released a document providing the facts how Russia supports separatists in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, despite Ukraine's efforts to establish unity, stability and peace, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported.

"While Russia says it seeks peace, its actions do not match its rhetoric. We have no evidence that Russia's support for the separatists has ceased. In fact, we assess that Russia continues to provide them with heavy weapons, other military equipment and financing, and continues to allow militants to enter Ukraine freely," reads the document. Washington also says that Moscow denies this, just as it denied its forces were involved in Crimea.

"Russia has refused to call for the separatists to lay down their arms, and continues to mass its troops along the Ukrainian border. Many self-proclaimed 'leaders' of the separatists hail from Russia and have ties to the Russian government. This all paints a telling picture of Russia's continued policy of destabilization in eastern Ukraine," the Department of State said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_department_of_state_accuses_russia_of_supporting_militants_323754

Former defence minister Koval against martial law, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Mykhailo Koval does not share the confidence of some Ukrainian politicians of the need to impose martial law.

The ex-defence minister said this on the Svoboda Slova talk show on Monday, according to the Levy Bereg online edition.

"As a military man, I have to say that martial law is not necessary. I would ask those politicians who are calling for the introduction of martial law, let them open the entire legislative framework that applies to this important issue. Then they will see that we need to recognize many moments that we are now not talking about," Koval said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/former_defence_minister_koval_against_martial_law_323758

US: Russia engaged in risky business, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Washington believes that Russia has not taken the necessary steps to stop the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine.

"There are still indications that the Russians haven't taken the necessary steps to close off the border, that there are still heavy weapons and materiel that's being provided from the Russian side over to pro-Russian separatists on the Ukrainian side. There continue to be concerns about whether or not President Putin is actually using the influence he has with those pro-Russian separatists to encourage them to abide by a cease-fire agreement," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said at a briefing on Monday.

"We've seen Russia do things - like withdraw troops from the border momentarily - and then redeploy troops, or reopen the border, or start resupplying pro-Russian separatists. There are a lot of mixed signals that we've seen from Russia," Earnest said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_russia_engaged_in_risky_business_323768

Militants' Grad rocket launcher kills 17 civilians in Luhansk, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. 17 civilians were killed as the militants shelled residential neighborhoods of Luhansk on Monday from the BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers. Anton Herashchenko, the Interior Minister adviser, told this to reporters on Tuesday, according to the UNN online edition.

"The militants destroyed the Kalifan cafe, Myrny market, private sector on Rudneva Street. The number of civilian casualties is to be confirmed," Herashchenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_grad_rocket_launcher_kills_17_civilians_in_luhansk_323770

585 people fired from Donetsk police after re-attestation, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The first stage of checking the Donetsk police on the oath of allegiance and service to the people of Ukraine completed, by its results 585 people were fired from the ranks of law enforcement officers.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said, the press service of the Interior Ministry informs.

"585 certified police workers dismissed. Relevant criminal proceedings will be instituted against most of these people," the Interior Minister said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/585_people_fired_from_donetsk_police_after_re_attestation_323779

Ukrainian border guards come under fire from Russian territory - Security and Defense Council, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. A Ukrainian border guard unit in Luhansk region has come under gunfire from Russia.

Spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Border units at a section of the State Border Service department in Krasna Talivka of the Lugansk detachment has come under fire with automatic weapons from Russian territory," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_border_guards_come_under_fire_from_russian_territory_security_and_defense_council_323783

Snizhne bombed by unidentified aircraft - NSDC, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The morning bombardments in the village of Snizhne in Donetsk region were made by an unknown aircraft and are nothing more than a cynical provocation designed to discredit the Ukrainian military, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defence Council Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing on Tuesday.

"Today, at about 07.00 an unidentified aircraft bombed the village of Snizhne in Donetsk region. The bombs fell directly on the main street - Lenin Str.... We declare that since yesterday the aircraft of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, since the beginning of the search and rescue operation aimed at finding Ukrainian pilots of the downed An-26, have not made any flight," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/snizhne_bombed_by_unidentified_aircraft_nsd_323785

PGO: Six Russians in custody in Ukraine - for terrorism, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Six citizens of the Russian Federation are currently in custody in Ukraine for committing terrorist acts.

Deputy Prosecutor General of Ukraine Anatoliy Matios told a briefing at Ukrinform.

"Currently, nearly 450 people were exposed, perpetrators of the said crimes, to whom the suspicion was announced. Regarding 139 people, detention as a preventive measure was chosen for them by the courts, including with respect to six citizens of the Russian Federation," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pgo_six_russians_in_custody_in_ukraine_for_terrorism_323787

Russia pulling troops to Ukrainian border - NSDC, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to pull troops to the border with Ukraine.

Thus, the 35th separate mechanized brigade, which is stationed permanently in the Altai region, next to the state border, has been redeployed to Bryansk region, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defence Council Andriy Lysenko told reporters on Tuesday.

"It [brigade - ed.] is located opposite Chernihiv Border Detachment at a distance of 10-12 km," Lysenko said.

According to him, the Ukrainian military also recorded the movement of a significant number of military hardware and personnel of the Russian Federation next to Sumy and Luhansk border guard detachments.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulling_troops_to_ukrainian_border_nsd_323795

Foreign Ministry waiting for Kremlin's arguments on 'threats' from Ukraine's association with EU, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry is waiting for arguments from Russia regarding the risks that Moscow sees in the signing by Kyiv of an association agreement with the EU.

This is the algorithm of actions that was agreed during trilateral consultations between Ukraine, Russia and the EU on July 11, Acting Director of the Information Policy Department of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Vasyl Zvarych said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We expect that by July 30 the Russian side will provide its own assessments of the real risks from the implementation of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU," the diplomat said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_waiting_for_kremlins_arguments_on_threats_from_ukraines_association_with_eu_323807

SBU has irrefutable evidence of Russia's involvement in An-26 crash, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has irrefutable evidence of Russia's involvement in the crash of the Ukrainian Armed Forces aircraft An-26 in Luhansk on July 14, SBU chief Valentyn Nalyvaichenko told reporters on Tuesday.

"The investigation will be completed until evening. There is irrefutable evidence that will be reported to the President, and then published," Nalyvaichenko said.

According to him, the materials contain maps with the sectors of bombardments put on them.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_has_irrefutable_evidence_of_russias_involvement_in_an_26_crash_323805

Komorowski: Ukrainian issue most important for V4, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The situation in Ukraine is today the most important issue for the Visegrad Group (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary). The V4 can proactively address problems related to Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

Slovakian President-elect Andrej Kiska said this on Tuesday in Warsaw during a joint press conference with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski, Ukrinform's Warsaw correspondent reported.

"The Group is able to tackle important issues of the entire Western world. For us [V4 - ed.] this, first and foremost, is the issue of Ukraine, as well as the reaction of the EU and NATO on issues related to the evaluation of the results of the Russian aggression against Ukraine," Komorowski said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/komorowski_ukrainian_issue_most_important_for_v4_323814

Merkel: Ukraine to get strong support from EU, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, in a telephone conversation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, has discussed the support of the international community on the settlement of the situation in the Donbas ahead of a European Council meeting on July 16, the press service of the head of state has reported.

Merkel said that Ukraine was now among her priority issues. He assured that at a European Council meeting on July 16 Ukraine would get "tough support" from the EU.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_ukraine_to_get_strong_support_from_eu_323828

Yatseniuk, Poroshenko urge Europe to fulfill its promise, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk urged the EU to fulfill its obligations and impose sanctions on Russia for non-fulfillment of international obligations.

Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski told journalists after meetings with Ukrainian leaders in Kyiv, PAP informs.

"Both democratically elected leaders of Ukraine in a conversation with me called on the EU to fulfill its promise: respond properly to non-fulfillment of obligations by Russia," Sikorski said.

He added that Warsaw stands for continuation of international negotiations on the situation in Ukraine in the "Geneva format" - with participation of Ukraine, Russia, the U.S. and the EU.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_poroshenko_urge_europe_to_fulfill_its_promise_323832

Biden tells Poroshenko American people support Ukraine, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has spoken with U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden by phone, the presidential press service has reported.

Poroshenko said during the telephone consultations that as a result of the talks held with the leaders of more than ten countries in the last few days, he had received assurances of their full understanding of the steps he makes, and of their support.

"We see the birth of a new army and a new country. Ukraine is fighting for democracy, solidarity and freedom. Therefore, today the support of trusted friends is a real value for our state," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/biden_tells_poroshenko_american_people_support_ukraine_323838

NATO will have to send troops to Ukraine - Zeman, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Western countries will have to take serious actions, up to sending NATO troops if Russia tries to capture new territories of Ukraine.

Czech President Milos Zeman said.

"At a time when Russia decides to expand its territory at the expense of the eastern lands of Ukraine, we will need to move from words to deeds," Milos Zeman said in an interview with Czech media.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_will_have_to_send_troops_to_ukraine_zeman_323840

Ukraine not considering introduction of martial law - National Security and Defense Council, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) is not considering the introduction of martial law on a certain territory in Ukraine.

NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Consultations are held at different levels in different ministries and agencies before every meeting of the National Security and Defense Council. The issue of introducing martial law is not being considered now," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_not_considering_introduction_of_martial_law_national_security_and_defense_council_323850

Russia continues to pull troops to border with Ukraine, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to pull troops to the border with Ukraine. National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"The movement of two artillery units with Grad systems was recorded on the Rostov-Taganrog highway in the direction of Taganrog, near the border with Ukraine".

He also said that near the settlement of Boyevik, Bryansk region, one-and-a-half

kilometers from the border, opposite the section of the Chernihiv detachment, Russian Armed Forces servicemen had set up a field camp and were equipping firing positions for military hardware. "The movement of a towing vehicle with self-propelled artillery and tanks on platforms was also recorded in the same direction," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_continues_to_pull_troops_to_border_with_ukraine_323858

Ukrainian border guards no longer share info on militants with Russia, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS) ceased information cooperation with the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of Russia, SBGS director of international legal department Oleksandr Melnikov told reporters on Wednesday.

"We continue to cooperate with Russian border guards on certain issues, but it is not about the exchange of information or some kind of information cooperation," ukrane news quoted Melnikov as saying.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_border_guards_no_longer_share_info_on_militants_with_russia_323866

Yatseniuk hopes European investors will help rebuild Donbas, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers will consider on Thursday the introduction of amendments to Ukraine's state budget that will concern the financing of the army and the restoration of the Donbas.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this during his visit to Sloviansk, Donetsk region, on Wednesday, the government portal reported.

"Economic conditions are very difficult. We need to continue to finance the army, defense - these are the expenses that no one expected, and now we also need to finance the reconstruction and restoration of Donbas," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_hopes_european_investors_will_help_rebuild_donbas_323880

U.S. freezes assets of Russian military and energy companies, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. U.S. President Barack Obama has approved new sanctions against Russia due to the situation in Ukraine, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported, citing a White House statement.

"I have approved a new set of sanctions on some of Russia's largest companies and financial institutions. I've repeatedly made it clear that Russia must halt the flow of weapons and fighters across the border into Ukraine, that Russia must urge separatists to release their hostages and support a ceasefire, that Russia needs to pursue internationally mediated talks and agree to meaningful monitors on the border - I've made this clear directly to Mr. Putin. Many of our European partners have made this clear directly to Mr. Putin," Obama said.

So far, Russia has failed to take any of the steps that I mentioned," the embassy quoted Obama as saying.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_freezes_assets_of_russian_military_and_energy_companies_323887

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213995.html>

Angela Merkel's contribution to global politics difficult to overestimate - Poroshenko, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. President Petro Poroshenko congratulated Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Angela Merkel on her 60th birthday. The greeting message is posted on the official web site of the head of state.

"It is hard to overestimate your contribution to the European and world politics. Your long-term, dedicated and successful work serves the embodiment of aspirations of the European Community to security, stability and prosperity," the congratulations read. Poroshenko also thanked the German side for the assistance in developing relations between Ukraine and the European Union.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/angela_merkels_contribution_to_global_politics_difficult_to_overestimate_poroshenko_323895

Bezler's terrorists wanted to kill Interior Minister Avakov, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Members of Russian sabotage and intelligence groups led by Igor Bezler, nicknamed "Bes," attempted to kill Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov. The minister's adviser, Zorian Shkiriak, said this at a briefing on Thursday, Ukrinform reported.

"Between July 7 and 9, in the area of the anti-terrorist operation, Russian sabotage groups led by Bezler were preparing the attempted murder of Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov," Shkiriak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bezlers_terrorists_wanted_to_kill_interior_minister_avakov_323897

NSDC: Russian aircraft shot down Ukrainian Su-25 plane, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. A Russian military plane shot down a Su-25 aircraft of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on Wednesday, July 16.

National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this.

"Russia committed another provocation on July 16 at about 19.00. A military plane of the Russian Armed Forces launched a missile strike against a Su-25 aircraft of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, which performed tasks on Ukrainian territory. Our plane was shot down," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_russian_aircraft_shot_down_ukrainian_su_25_plane_323908

Yatseniuk: Russia must stop supplying weapons to eastern Ukraine, 17.07.2014

Russia must stop providing illegal armed groups in eastern Ukraine with weapons, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has said.

"Russia must immediately stop weapons supplies. Dozens of tanks, MANPADS, the latest equipment, as well as trained and armed agents of the FSB and the Main Intelligence Directorate are in Donetsk and Luhansk," he said, while opening a government meeting on Thursday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214003.html>

Ukrainian Defense Ministry confirms damage of Su-25 in country's east, 17.07.2014

A Ukrainian Air Force aircraft was damaged from a MANPAD in the zone of the counterterrorist operation in East Ukraine as a result of which the pilot made a forced landing, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry reports.

It denied reports of the loss of two Sukhoi Su-25 aircraft.

"The reports spread by the militants about the Ukrainian Armed Forces losing two Su-25 assault aircraft are untrue," a posting on the ministry's page in Facebook says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213924.html>

PM Yatseniuk: Oligarchs should help revive Donbas, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk believes that the Ukrainian oligarchs should help restore Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

He said this at a briefing on the Karachun Mountain in Sloviansk.

"It would be quite fair if the Ukrainian oligarchs will take part in the reconstruction of Donetsk and Luhansk regions," Yatseniuk said.

According to him, in such hard times that Ukraine is now facing, everyone, including the oligarchs, should "chip in" for the reconstruction of the damaged areas.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_yatseniuk_oligarchs_should_help_revive_donbas_323914

NSDC: 'Little green men' appear near Izvaryno, Luhansk region, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists are increasing the grouping of forces and means in our territory. Thus, a group of servicemen of the Russia Armed Forces with no signs of recognition have been recorded near the village of Izvaryno in Luhansk region.

National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Thursday.

"This group was spotted near the village of Izvaryno. It is armed with artillery and Grad multiple rocket launchers," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_little_green_men_appear_near_izvaryno_luhansk_region_323916

Government plans to cut budget expenses, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers has decided to reduce state budget expenditures.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this while opening a government meeting on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Today we will consider a draft law on Ukraine's state budget for the current year with the amendments introduced. Today the gap [between revenues and expenditures] is UAH 14.5 billion. We again need to take very difficult decisions," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_plans_to_cut_budget_expenses_323918

Russian aircrafts violate Ukrainian air space 5 times during 24 hours – SBS, 17.07.2014

A jet plane, two helicopters and two drone aircrafts of the Armed Forces of the RF violated an air space of Ukraine in the Luhansk, Donetsk and Sumy Oblasts during 24 hours. dpsu.gov.ua It is said at the web site of the State Border Service of Ukraine.

"Active patrolling and air observation of air space along the border is carried out by combat air force of the Russian Federation", - it is said in the report.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940802-russian-aircrafts-violate-ukrainian-air-space-5-times-during-24-hours-sbs.html>

EU sanctions touch Russia's raw nerve, expert believes, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The European Union began implementing sectoral sanctions against the Russian Federation with the financial sector, the most painful for Russia. chairman of the Maidan of Foreign Affairs NGO, diplomat Bohdan Yaremchenko said at a press conference on Wednesday.

"The essence of the sanctions imposed by the European Union is that the EU has developed a sectoral scheme for applying sanctions, and began with the banking sector. This is absolutely correct, for the most vulnerable spot of Russia is precisely the financing banking system. Equally important is that the EU decided to suspend activities of their banks in Russia and urged the Member States and other banks located in the territory of the EU to use the same approach - to reduce its involvement in the Russian economy. This is a good example that this approach can be applied later in the transport sector, and other sectoral areas," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_sanctions_touch_russias_raw_nerve_expert_believes_323933

PM Yatseniuk: Russia to pay for war against Ukraine, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Sanctions of the EU Member States and the United States have witnessed a common position regarding Ukraine, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on Thursday in Kyiv.

"Common decisions of our Western partners, the United States President and heads of states of the European Union have demonstrated unity of the U.S. and the EU, their devotion to the values of democracy, maintenance of peace and support for Ukraine," the head of government noted.

According to him, all attempts of Russia to split the European Union and prevent the EU and the U.S. from the possibility of acting conjointly have been doomed to failure.

"It's time to pay for the violation of international law, for military aggression, for a constant supply of weapons from Russia to Ukraine, for financing the bandits who kill

civilians and try to destroy Ukraine. Russia will pay for the war unleashed against Ukraine," the prime minister emphasized.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_yatseniuk_russia_to_pay_for_war_against_ukraine_323938

Yatseniuk wants to minimize trade with Russia, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian producers should be prepared to complete restriction on trade with Russia in a bilateral format.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said at a meeting with businessmen on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We have to prepare that we will have almost complete restriction on trade with Russia in a bilateral format. I would ask the Economy and Trade Ministry and branch ministries to make a survey of the markets that we will lose and we will get," Yatseniuk said.

He said that if the Russian market is completely blocked, Ukrainian exports of goods will fall by USD 5 billion.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_wants_to_minimize_trade_with_russia_323971

Yatseniuk: Not enough gas in underground storages, we'll have to survive, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. 14 billion cubic meters of gas, accumulated in Ukraine's underground storages, are insufficient to meet the needs of industry and heat distribution enterprises, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said on Friday during a meeting on the diversification of Ukrainian markets of manufactured goods.

"As for the gas. If it is to turn off the tap - then it is turned off. With them [with Russia - ed.] we are at law. Now we receive reverse gas - it is not enough. In storages we have accumulated 14 billion cubic meters of gas. If we find the source - we will be supplying gas. If not - we will survive in harsh conditions. We have to be prepared for it," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_not_enough_gas_in_underground_storages_well_have_to_survive_323973

U.S. Senator John McCain: Time to give Ukraine weapons, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Republican Senator John McCain is inclined to believe that the Malaysian Airlines plane was downed by pro-Russian terrorists or Russia itself. He said this in an interview with the MSNBC television channel, according to Ukrinform's Washington correspondent.

"But if it is the result of either separatist or Russian actions mistakenly believing this was a Ukrainian war plane, I think there's going to be hell to pay and there should be," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_senator_john_mccain_time_to_give_ukraine_weapons_323985

Turchynov asks to help Ukraine with weapons, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov urged the international community to help Ukraine with weapons and equipment.

He wrote this on Facebook.

"We appeal to the entire civilized world: it's time to not only sympathize with Ukrainians, but help us in the military-technical terms! Of course, we are grateful for support and sympathy of all economic sanctions, but it is time to put an end to the aggression. It is time for the civilized world to unite with Ukraine and to help destroy terrorists wherever they may be, having started supplying modern weapons and military equipment," the Speaker said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_asks_to_help_ukraine_with_weapons_324007

More and more FSB agents switch sides to join Ukraine, NSDC says, 19.07.2014
KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The National Security and Defence Council confirms the facts of Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) agents taking the side of Ukraine, National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing at Ukrinform on Saturday.

"Indeed, there are such cases, and more and more cases at the moment," he told a reporter.

Lysenko also added that the former militants switch sides to join Ukraine.

"Former military terrorist are switching sides to join Ukraine, as they say, they have been forced to take up arms because they had been deceived. As for the number, the information is not available," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more_and_more_fsb_agents_switch_sides_to_join_ukraine_nsdcs_says_324017

Russia continues shelling Ukraine from Grad multiple rocket launchers, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. For the past day, shelling of the ATO positions was carried out several times from the territory of the Russian Federation.

This Sunday, Spokesman of the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Andriy Lysenko told at a briefing at Ukrinform.

"In particular, yesterday, eight shots from mobile artillery units were made on the stronghold of the National Guard of Ukraine on the territory of Ukraine, in the direction of Ukrainian settlement Manych, Donetsk region, from the position of the nearby settlement of Avilo-Uspenka, Rostov region. At 11:30 a.m., from Russia, from the area of settlement Leninsky, Rostov region, a volley from the Grad was made on the stronghold of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the territory of Ukraine towards the towns of Kamyshevakha, Donetsk region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_continues_shelling_ukraine_from_grad_multiple_rocket_launchers_324031

Terrorists keep about 400 people in captivity, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. 396 people are kept by terrorists in captivity in Donbas, and their fate is unknown.

Spokesman of the Informational-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Andriy Lysenko told a briefing at the Ukrainian media crisis center on Sunday.

"Among the hostages there are three journalists, six politicians, one lawyer, one judge and 321 civilians. Altogether, during the conflict, the bandits captured 842 hostages, including 446, who are released today," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_keep_about_400_people_in_captivity_324035

Svoboda demands ban on Party of Regions for support of Russia, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. The Svoboda faction has demanded that the Justice Ministry check and ban the activity of the Party of Regions in Ukraine.

Svoboda faction deputy Oleksiy Kaida said this at a meeting of the parliament's conciliatory council on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We are demanding that MPs Braiko and Deich, who publicly expressed support for Russia's aggression in Crimea, be deprived of their parliamentary mandates and brought to justice. This also concerns Yefremov. We are demanding that the Justice Ministry, in addition to the Communist Party of Ukraine, check and initiate a ban on the Party of Regions as an organization that supports the actions of terrorists in the Donbas," Kaida said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda_demands_ban_on_party_of_regions_for_support_of_russia_324064

Premier will ask Verkhovna Rada to give more money for army - Shlapak, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk will present several legislative initiatives of the government at the parliament's meeting on Tuesday, in particular, the law on additional funding for the army to conduct the ATO.

Finance Minister Oleksandr Shlapak told at the Conciliation Council in the parliament, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"The government will submit a number of draft laws this week, in particular, we ask to consider in the nearest time the laws on the change of the management of the gas transportation system of Ukraine, on a special period in the fuel and energy complex. Also, we propose the law on amendments to the Budget Code for additional funding of the Armed Forces to complete the ATO," Shlapak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/premier_will_ask_verkhovna_rada_to_give_more_money_for_army_shlapak_324067

Ukraine to demand DPR, LPR be declared terrorist organizations - Poroshenko, 21.07.2014

Ukraine will demand at an EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting on Tuesday that the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) be recognized as terrorist organizations, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

"We [Ukraine] and the Netherlands will make every effort, in particular during the meeting tomorrow of the EU Foreign Affairs Council where Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin will speak, so that the so-called Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics be declared terrorist organizations and so that any cooperation or support the terrorists receive is recognized as such under international law," Poroshenko said on Monday while visiting the Dutch embassy in Kyiv.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214660.html>

Russia sends hundred more armored vehicles to border with Ukraine, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Russia has sent about a hundred armored vehicles to the Likhaya train station in Rostov region, and the armor convoy headed to the border town of Novoshakhtinsk.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

"Russia is continuing to pull troops to the border with Ukraine. About a hundred armored vehicles of the Russian Armed Forces at the Russian Likhaya railway station in Rostov region, and the convoy moved to the settlement of Novoshakhtinsk in Rostov region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_sends_hundred_more_armored_vehicles_to_border_with_ukraine_324081

Energy supply to Donbas under threat: Russian saboteurs seizing power plants, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Russian saboteurs are seizing substations and control points of thermal power plants in the Donbas, jeopardizing energy supply to the region.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"In Molodohvardiysk, Krasnodon district, Luhansk region, about 30 Russian saboteurs took control of the Energy Ministry's substation and the control point of the Krasnodon distribution power plant, and in Vuhlehirsk, Donetsk region - the Vuhlehirsk thermal power plant," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/energy_supply_to_donbas_under_threat_russian_saboteurs_seizing_power_plants_324090

ATO forces enter three more towns in Donetsk region, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have entered three towns in Donetsk Region - Dzerzhynsk, Rubizhne and Soledar.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Force ATO included in the three cities of Donetsk Region - Dzerzhinsk, Rubezhnoye and Soledar.

"Ukraine's state flag was raised in Dzerzhynsk over the local administration. Ukrainian military locate and destroy the remnants of terrorist gangs in the liberated towns. As a result of fast and uncompromising actions of the Armed Forces a great number of militants were detained and Russian-produced weapons and ammunition were seized. The town is currently cleansed of explosives, weapons and landmines," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_enter_three_more_towns_in_donetsk_region_324094

Poroshenko: time has come for everyone to determine stance on terrorism issue, 21.07.2014

The time has come for everyone to determine whether one supports or condemns terrorism, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

"I think that it [Russian President Vladimir Putin's statement clarifying Russia's stance on the situation in Ukraine] does not require a separate comment. I am certain that the world will be divided into two parts now - one being the entire world strongly condemning terrorists and the second one being terrorists themselves. And now everyone has to decide, to which part he [or she] belongs, that is it," Poroshenko said following his visit to the Dutch embassy in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214695.html>

U.S. opposes French sale of Mistral warships to Russia- senior official, 21.07.2014

(Reuters) - The United States opposes France's plan to sell Mistral helicopter carriers to Russia, a senior U.S. administration official told reporters on Monday, echoing concerns expressed on Monday by British Prime Minister David Cameron.

President Barack Obama expressed concerns about the French contract in June because of Russia's support for separatists in eastern Ukraine.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/21/ukraine-crisis-sanctions-usa-idUSW1N0P000U20140721>

NSDC chief Parubiy: Russia continues to send military hardware to east, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Parubiy says Russia strengthens its presence on the border with Ukraine, and keeps moving armored vehicles to the east.

"The analysis shows that on the border now there are 40,000 Russian soldiers, 150 tanks. In recent days, we also see the change of tactics, when terrorists attack empty territories of Russia, and in response the Russian side shells the ATO forces on the Ukrainian territory," Parubiy said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_chief_parubiy_russia_continues_to_send_military hardware to east_324118](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_chief_parubiy_russia_continues_to_send_military硬件_to_east_324118)

Lithuania urges Europe to reject "Mistralisation of European policy" , 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Europe should change its position with respect to Russia, prioritizing values, not profits, as the delay in making more stringent measures may only encourage aggression.

Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaitė told this to the public broadcaster LRT on Tuesday in an interview, according to the DELFI portal.

"We see the Mistralisation of European policy," Grybauskaite said, referring to a 1.2 billion euro (\$1.6 billion) deal to supply Russia with two French "Mistral" warships. "Values and security are undermined for the sake of business, when 'buy and rule' is being applied" Grybauskaite said suggesting Moscow is using its purchasing power to divide opinion within the EU.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lithuania_urges_europe_to_reject_mistralisation_of_european_policy_324122

Poroshenko: Ukraine ready to hand all Boeing crash materials over to international commission, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The downed Malaysia Airlines plane - this is the biggest crime committed by the terrorists with weapons obtained from Russia, President Petro Poroshenko said at a meeting with Allan Grant Houston, the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Australia to investigate the crash of the MH 17 flight, the press office of the head of state reported.

The president assured his readiness to facilitate a fully transparent investigation into the tragedy.

"Ukraine has evidence to answer the question - when, where and how it happened. Ukraine's security services are ready to provide all the materials to the international expert commission that is investigating the circumstances of the tragedy with the aircraft," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_ukraine_ready_to_hand_all_boeing_crash_materials_over_to_international_commission_324098

Steinmeier: Russia already paying high price for its policy towards Ukraine, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. For its policy towards Ukraine Russia is already paying a high price, because the sanctions affect its economy even before their imposition, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told the Bild magazine in an interview.

"The sanctions bring results even before the decision is made: the outflow of capital, economic recession, sanctions lists - it's all there, and Russia is already paying a high price for its policy," he said.

Despite everything, the German diplomat believes that it is necessary to increase the pressure on Moscow.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_russia_already_paying_high_price_for_its_policy_towards_ukraine_324131

NSDC claims no phosphorus bombs in Ukraine, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian aircraft cannot use phosphorous bombs, because they are not in service, the spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Tuesday.

"I must say that phosphorus bombs are not in service of the Ukrainian army," he said. A reminder that some Russian media again reported that the Ukrainian aviation had bombed settlements using phosphorous bombs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_claims_no_phosphorus_bombs_in_ukraine_324137

Russia may help end crisis in Ukraine through its influence on separatists - U.S. ambassador to UN, 22.07.2014

U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Samantha Power has said she believes that Russia, through its influence on separatists in Ukraine, may put an end to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine.

"We condemn the actions of the separatists who control the site. Indeed, almost everyone has condemned this grotesque behavior," she said.

"For the past six months, Russia has seized Ukrainian territory and ignored the repeated requests of the international community to de-escalate – all in an effort to preserve influence in Ukraine, a country that has long made clear its desire to maintain constructive ties with Moscow," she said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214784.html>

Ukraine war crimes trials a step closer after Red Cross assessment, 22.07.2014

(Reuters) - The Red Cross has made a confidential legal assessment that Ukraine is officially in a war, Western diplomats and officials say, opening the door to possible war crimes prosecutions, including over the downing of Malaysia Airlines MH-17.

"Clearly it's an international conflict and therefore this is most probably a war crime," one Western diplomat in Geneva told Reuters.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is the guardian of the Geneva Conventions setting down the rules of war, and as such is considered a reference in the United Nations deciding when violence has evolved into an armed conflict.

"Within the U.N. system, it's the ICRC that makes that determination. They are the gate keepers of international humanitarian law," said one U.N. source.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/22/us-ukraine-crisis-warcrimes-idUSKBN0FR0V920140722>

Militants break into Ukraine through three checkpoints, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian army is not yet able to regain full control over the border, therefore Russia supplies militants through three checkpoints.

National Security and Defense Council information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Marynivka is the hardest area, which is subject only to visual control. The fighting is going on here both from Russia and from Ukraine, therefore, using the opportunity of fire resistance, at this point there are cases of [militants] crossing the border," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_break_into_ukraine_through_three_checkpoints_324139

Tomenko admits mass withdrawal from coalition, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. People's deputy of the Batkivshchyna faction, Advisor to the President Mykola Tomenko admits mass passing of mandates to create legal grounds for the parliament's dissolution.

He told an Ukrinform correspondent.

"If a resolution to dissolve the parliament is not supported - we will not have the way out of the situation and most normal deputies will write a statement of withdrawal from the coalition," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tomenko_admits_mass_withdrawal_from_coalition_324141

Russia pulling troops to border with Ukraine from Trans-Baikal, Far East - NSDC, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Russia has deployed to its Kursk region on the border with Ukraine troops from the Trans-Baikal and Far East military districts of the Russian Federation, the spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Tuesday.

"Russia continues to build up its military presence along the border with Ukraine. So, troops from the Trans-Baikal and Far East military districts of Russia have been deployed to the locality of Sudzha in Kursk region of Russia," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulling_troops_to_border_with_ukraine_from_trans_baikal_far_east_nsd_324146

Sikorski urges Europe with new sanctions, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The EU has to decide on the introduction of more stringent sanctions against Russia for its active support to militants in Ukraine.

Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said before the meeting of the EU Foreign Ministers in Brussels on Tuesday, a special correspondent of Ukrinform reports.

"I think that we, as Ministers, have to fulfill the decision of the European Council (to impose sanctions against Russia for its support of terrorists - Ed.)," Sikorski said.

He recalled that in late June, the EU leaders recognized that the "red line," after crossing which the EU should impose sanctions on Russia, is Ukraine's inability to regain control of the Ukrainian-Russian border through the actions of Moscow.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sikorski_urges_europe_with_new_sanctions_324148

Putin assures he will influence terrorists, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin assures that Russia will do everything in order to influence the militants, fighting in Donbas.

He said at a meeting of the Russian Security Council today, Gazeta.ru informs.

"We are called to influence the militants in the southeast. We will do our best, of course," Putin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_assures_he_will_influence_terrorists_324155

Poroshenko tells Europe how to influence sponsors of terrorism, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. An extraordinary meeting of the heads of state of the EU countries should be one of the next important steps in settling the conflict in Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this during a phone conversation with Finnish Prime Minister Alexander Stubb, the presidential press service reported.

"It is important that the convening of an extraordinary meeting of the EU heads of state be the next step, because the European Council, through its decision, can take the next drastic steps against those who support terrorists," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_tells_europe_how_to_influence_sponsors_of_terrorism_324157

Ashton on sanctions: We will go forward, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Nobody should expect concrete decisions from the EU on Tuesday regarding the strengthening of sanctions against Russia, but the EU will continue to take measures.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton said this before a meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent in Brussels reported.

"The European Council asked us to look at the legal basis on which we're operating in order that we could potentially expand the sanctions [against Russia]. I think it's going to be really a strong debate and I think there will be a number of possibilities for how ministers decide in the end they want to go forward, but go forward they will and must," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ashton_on_sanctions_we_will_go_forward_324168

Ukraine expects not only words from Europe - Klimkin, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has said he expects the European Union to make clear decisions in support of Ukraine amid continued military aggression from Russia.

"We need a common position of the European Union. We need to see the EU speak with one voice. We need not only harsh words, but also deeds on the part of the EU. I very much hope that the foreign ministers will adopt important decisions on further actions and clear support for Ukraine and solidarity with the country," Klimkin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_expects_not_only_words_from_europe_klimkin_324171

Almost 1,000 servicemen injured during operations in eastern Ukraine - Defense Ministry, 22.07.2014

A total of 991 servicemen were injured during the anti-terrorist operation being held in eastern Ukraine, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry's Military and Medical Department Director Vitaliy Andronatiy said at a briefing on Tuesday.

"Over 400 servicemen are already in their units or are undergoing rehabilitation and are ready to return as well. As of now, 566 people injured are being treated, and 20% of them are in serious condition, 30% in moderately serious condition, and 50% have minor injuries. A total of 528 out of the injured are servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces," Andronatiy said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214890.html>

Russian special services planning to kill Girkin, Bezler, Bolotov - interior minister's adviser, 23.07.2014

The Ukrainian Interior Ministry has information that the Russian special services are planning to kill the leaders of militants as unwanted witnesses, an adviser to the Ukrainian interior minister, Zorian Shkiriak, has said.

"Based on the information we have received, we can assume that the Kremlin is ready to 'shoot' some leaders of Russian terrorist groups operating in Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine," he told Interfax-Ukraine on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214968.html>

Ukrainian FM: Sole purpose of bilateral ceasefire is to restore Ukrainian territorial integrity, 23.07.2014

A bilateral ceasefire in eastern Ukraine can have only one purpose, i.e. the restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told reporters in Brussels on Tuesday.

"Next steps, among them a bilateral ceasefire, should aim to restore the territorial integrity of Ukraine, as the terrorists are exercising operative control over a part of our territory now," Klimkin said after he had met with colleagues from 28 EU countries attending the Foreign Affairs Council session.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214969.html>

Protection of Ukraine's sovereignty should unite all politicians and society - Poroshenko, 23.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko at a meeting with representatives of groups and factions in the Verkhovna Rada thanked MPs for their support and criticized those MPs, who, according to him, did not support the state's efforts in matters related to the country's sovereignty, the presidential press service has reported.

"On the one hand, I'm really grateful to you for your decisions. On the other hand, I'm just shocked that they were passed on the verge of a critically small number of votes. The entire country is at war, but 210 MPs think they don't care about the war?" the press service quoted Poroshenko as saying.

"The president again stressed the importance of consolidating not only society, but also all branches of government in matters of the country's defense," reads the statement.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214977.html>

Poroshenko objects to putting Ukraine under martial law, 23.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko objects to imposing martial law on Ukraine, the presidential press service has reported.

"Meeting with members of parliamentary factions and groups, the head of state stressed: 'By urging the government to make a decision on imposing martial law, the deputies should understand the implications of this decision for the country. Even one

careless word can entail major consequences today," the presidential press service said.

Ukraine is at war and should defend its territory now, and therefore it needs a capable army that should be supplied appropriately, which is impossible if martial law is in effect, Poroshenko said.

"Supplies of weapons and dual purpose products are prohibited if there is martial law, while we must win the war," he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214982.html>

Ukraine sets up committee to impose sanctions on Russia - Yatseniuk, 23.07.2014

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has said that Kyiv has set up a committee on imposing sanctions on Russia.

"The Ukrainian government creates a committee to impose sanctions on the Russian Federation. It will include representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Economic Development and Trade Ministry and the financial unit of the government," he said, while opening a government meeting on Wednesday.

Yatseniuk also ordered the committee to offer a list of persons and sanctions within ten days.

"A list of persons and sectoral sanctions against Russian entities and individuals who support and finance terrorism in Ukraine, encroach on the independence and territorial integrity of the Ukrainian state should be submitted for consideration by the government within ten days," he added.

"Ukraine will introduce sanctions against every private individual who has a Russian passport and who supports terrorists and separatists in Ukraine," Yatseniuk said, while opening a government meeting on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215022.html>

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215021.html>

Russia financing terrorism in Ukraine - Yatseniuk, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is sending an official note to Russia on the violation by the Kremlin of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at a government meeting on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Ukraine believes that Russia is directly involved in the financing of terrorism in Ukraine, in the sending of weapons, trained agents and support of bandits and terrorists who commit crimes against humanity on Ukrainian territory," he said.

Yatseniuk said that Ukraine wanted Russia to immediately give an official response to the note of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_financing_terrorism_in_ukraine_yatseniuk_324204

Police checking Shoigu's involvement in transfer of Buk missile system to terrorists, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Interior Ministry is checking reports that Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu could be directly involved in the transfer to terrorists of a Buk anti-aircraft missile system that was used to shoot down a Malaysian passenger plane in eastern Ukraine.

The Ukrainian interior minister's adviser, Anton Herashchenko, said this.

"We are checking the reports that it was Shoigu who coordinated the transfer of the Buk anti-aircraft missile system to terrorists in order to enable them to shoot down Ukrainian planes, but, as is known, they destroyed a passenger airliner," Herashchenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/police_checking_shoigus_involvement_in_transfer_of_buk_missile_system_to_terrorists_324228

Putin convenes emergency State Duma meeting on Ukraine - source, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. State Duma deputies, who are currently on a planned vacation, urgently come to Moscow to participate in an unscheduled meeting because of the situation in eastern Ukraine, a source in the State Duma told Ukrinform on Wednesday.

"Maybe something will happen tomorrow. Now this issue is being solved. Something is being planned, because many deputies come, probably for a quorum. Many deputies arrive... and today they already have to be in Moscow," he said.

According to the source, it is still unknown which document is to be considered by Russian deputies. According to the source, it is clear only that Russia's top-ranking officials "planned something" on the situation in the east of Ukraine if they plan to hold an unscheduled meeting of the State Duma.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_convenes_emergency_state_duma_meeting_on_ukraine_source_324232

ATO: Two Ukrainian Su-25 warplanes shot down on border with Russia, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Militants have shot down in the south of Luhansk region two Ukrainian Su-25 fighter planes that performed tasks on covering the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces from air, ATO spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov has said.

"Two Su-25 planes (they work in pairs) performed the task on covering the ATO forces from air. Pro-Russian militants fired on them with anti-aircraft missile systems. Despite anti-missile maneuvers and the shooting of heat traps, both aircraft sustained damage. The pilots ejected," he said.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"According to preliminary reports, the missiles were launched from the territory of the Russian Federation," Lysenko said.

"Ukrainian pilots are not in captivity," Lysenko said.

However, he did not mention their location for security reasons.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_two_ukrainian_su_25_warplanes_shot_down_on_border_with_russia_324218

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_says_ukrainian_warplanes_could_have_been_downed_from_russian_territory_324234

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pilots_from_downed_su_25s_not_captured_by_terrorists_nsdc_324284

About 10,000 IDPs in Kyiv, Klitschko says, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Nearly 10,000 persons moved from the eastern regions and Crimea to Kyiv, a special agency has been set up to coordinate the work with them, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko told reporters on Wednesday.

"For today, given the data that I have, I can speak about 10,000 persons," he said.

According to him, Kyiv has enough jobs, but people do not always want to go for any job, in most cases, they want to work within their specialty.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/about_10000_idps_in_kyiv_klitschko_says_324236

Russian troops simulated attack on border with Chernihiv region, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Russian military hardware on Tuesday simulated an attack on the border with Ukraine, opposite Chernihiv region.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Yesterday there was another provocation on the part of the Russian military opposite the Hirsk and Hremyach section of the border service in Chernihiv region. Several pieces of hardware defiantly approached the state border of Ukraine, deployed battle formations and simulated an attack, but then turned around and moved along the state border," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_simulated_attack_on_border_with_chernihiv_region_324208

Russian troops encamped in Kursk region near border with Ukraine - NSDC, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Units of the Russian army set a field camp near the Ukrainian border near the settlement of Kruglenkoe in Kursk region.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Wednesday.

"It has been established that in the area of the village of Kruglenkoe - tract of Krucheniy Les in Kursk region there is a field camp of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation with the units of the 32nd Motorized Rifle Brigade and the 24th Separate Brigade of the GRU special forces from Novosibirsk region, as well as the 56th Engineering Regiment of the Republic of Tatarstan," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_encamped_in_kursk_region_near_border_with_ukraine_nsd_324210

Secret services have info on all terrorists' anti-aircraft systems - NSDC, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian intelligence services have full information about the location of anti-aircraft missile systems, which are in service of the militants, the spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Wednesday.

"We understand that the terrorists have weapon that can hit our aircraft, but we have information where it is, the exact location," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/secret_services_have_info_on_all_terrorists_anti_aircraft_systems_nsd_324213

Terrorists want to use children as 'human shield' - NSDC, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists are planning to use children as a "human shield" to restore the supply of ammunition, weapons and equipment, the lack of what was triggered by the recent successful actions of the Ukrainian security forces.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Rapid information has been received that in order to restore the supply of all necessary things terrorists are planning to use children as a 'human shield,'" he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_want_to_use_children_as_human_shield_nsd_324222

Gas reverse flows to Ukraine halved as Gazprom pressurizing European companies, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. The flow of reverse gas supplies to Ukraine has halved due to Gazprom's pressure on the suppliers, Ukraine's Minister of Energy and Coal Industry Yuriy Prodan told reporters on Wednesday.

"Today, there is a reduction of the reverse gas flow. We think this is due to certain operations of Gazprom - have you heard the threats that were addressed to European companies that this reverse is illegal. We have the ability to deliver 18 million cubic meters of reverse gas through Poland and Slovakia. Today only 7 million cubic meters are delivered daily," he said, noting that this reduction occurred about two weeks ago. Prodan also intends to hold a meeting in this regard in Brussels with EU Commissioner for Energy Guenther Oettinger.

"We will talk about the current situation in our relations with Russia. I would like to hear information from the European Commissioner for possible tripartite talks," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gas_reverse_flows_to_ukraine_halved_as_gazprom_pressurizing_european_companies_324225

Australian PM Abbott calls Malaysian jet crash 'atrocious', 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott thanked Ukraine for the efforts to help all nations affected by the crash of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777. He told this to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Wednesday.

"I am impressed with the will power that you and the people of Ukraine demonstrate in such difficult circumstances and with the support and condolences you convey to all nations affected by this atrocity," the Australian head of government said, adding: "It even can't be called tragedy. The thing that happened is atrocity."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/australian_pm_abbott_calls_malaysian_jet_crash_atrocious_324240

Russia stepping up support for terrorists despite downed Boeing - NATO, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. NATO continues to see evidence of weapons being moved into Ukraine from Russia since the downing of a Malaysian airliner in eastern Ukraine last week, a NATO military officer has told Reuters.

"We have noted an increase in the amount of weapons being transferred from Russia to Ukraine in the last several weeks. We continue to see evidence of the movement of weapons into Ukraine from Russia since the downing of (Malaysia Airlines flight) MH17, which is a cause for concern," Deutsche Welle quoted the officer as saying.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_stepping_up_support_for_terrorists_despite_downed_boeing_nato_324258

U.S. blames Putin for downed Malaysian plane, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The United States believes that pro-Russian militants who shot down a Malaysian Boeing plane over the Donbas could not do it without the support of Russia.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Marie Harf said this at a briefing on Wednesday, Radio Liberty reported.

"These Russian separatists who we strongly believe fired this missile would not be there operating without the support of [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin and the Russian government, would not have been trained without the support of President Putin and the Russian government, would not be armed without the support of President Putin and the Russian government," she said.

"They would not be there doing what they're doing, period, so they could [not] fire an SA-11 without the support of President Putin and the Russian government. Yes, direct responsibility lays there," Harf added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_blames_putin_for_downed_malaysian_plane_324268

Russia blames Ukraine for shelling its territory, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Defence Ministry claimed that in June-July this year they allegedly recorded nine attacks on the Russian territory by Ukraine, Russian Deputy Defence Minister Anatoliy Antonov told the Russia-24 television channel, ITAR-TASS reported on Thursday.

"There was an aimed fire on the border patrol. Our citizen Andrey Shulyatev was killed. He was the father of three teenage daughters," Antonov said, citing an example with the U.S.: "If the territory of the United States was fired from the adjacent territory and, God forbid, an American citizen was killed, then what would the U.S. do? The answer is clear. However, we show responsibility and restraint."

According to Antonov, in this regard, "it's perfectly clear, who provokes whom on the border."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_blames_ukraine_for_shelling_its_territory_324276

Batkivshchyna ready for elections - Sobolev, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The Batkivshchyna faction says about its readiness for the preterm parliamentary elections.

Faction leader Serhiy Sobolev said from the parliamentary rostrum at the morning session, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Our political force will go to the preterm parliamentary elections. But, first, it is necessary to adopt amendments to the law on elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine," Sobolev said, following the statements of the UDAR and Svoboda factions about the withdrawal from the coalition.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna_ready_for_elections_sobolev_324288

Russian troops deployed in forests on border with Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. A few kilometers from the border with Ukraine, in the Bryansk region, Russia has equipped a field camp of its armed forces with a large number of armored vehicles.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"A field camp of the Russian Armed Forces has been set up not far from the border with Ukraine in the Bryansk region. In particular, up to 30 armored vehicles have been deployed in a wooded area near the village of Stary Ropsk in the Bryansk region, ten kilometers from the state border," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_deployed_in_forests_on_border_with_chernihiv_and_kharkiv_regions_324292

Sokolovsky: Ukraine should buy more expensive Western gas than finance aggressor, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is better to buy natural gas in Western markets, even at a higher price than in Russia, but in any case not to finance the aggressor, member of the Kyiv Energy Club Q-Club, former presidential envoy on energy issues, Bohdan Sokolovsky said at a round table in Ukrinform on Thursday.

"When I say that Russian gas, at least this season, can be replaced by the western, that is, even the Russian, but from Western markets, one should not prioritize the price - the price at time of war is not a priority," Sokolovsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sokolovsky_ukraine_should_buy_more_expensive_western_gas_than_finance_aggressor_324294

Poroshenko urges MPs to work despite breakup of coalition, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has called on MPs, despite the breakup of the parliamentary coalition, to continue their work to resolve important issues, the press service of the head of state has reported.

"I am confident that the withdrawal of deputies from the coalition should not paralyze the parliament's work. The Verkhovna Rada is obliged to continue resolving issues of national importance: the law on amendments to the state budget, the adoption of which is needed to finance our army that heroically defends our state now, as well as the documents influencing our cooperation with international financial institutions," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_urges_mps_to_work_despite_breakup_of_coalition_324297

Coalition no longer exists, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov announced the termination of the coalition European Choice in the parliament, which included 262 MPs at the beginning. He said from the rostrum of the parliament.

"Today, July 24, at the plenary meeting, heads of factions of political parties UDAR and Svoboda said about the withdrawal of these factions from the coalition - 71 MPs, and submitted the relevant documents confirming the decisions of the MPs with their personal signatures."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/coalition_no_longer_exists_324305

Party of Regions creates no coalition and thinks about elections, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Leader of the Party of Regions faction Oleksandr Yefremov swears that he plans not a new coalition. However, the Party of Regions thinks about the upcoming early parliamentary elections.

He said on the sidelines of the Verkhovna Rada, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"It makes no sense to create a new coalition in this parliament. 67% of the population does not support the parliament's work... It is necessary to resolve the issues and make laws that are really important for people in order to restore confidence in the parliament," Yefremov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/party_of_regions_creates_no_coalition_and_thinks_about_elections_324317

Poroshenko disappointed by France's decision to sell Mistral to Russia, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said he is disappointed by France's decision to continue cooperation with Russia in the sale of Mistral helicopter carriers.

He said this at a meeting with members of the European People's Party, the press service of the head of state said.

"We are disappointed by France's decision to continue cooperation with Russia under the Mistral program. I believe that it is not a question of money, industry, and jobs. It is a question of values," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_disappointed_by_frances_decision_to_sell_mistrals_to_russia_324321

France reiterates decision to sell Mistral helicopter carriers to Russia, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. France, despite international pressure, is not going to abandon the sale of at least one of the two Mistral helicopter carriers to Russia, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Romain Nadal told reporters on Thursday.

"In international affairs, as, indeed, in the internal, the agreement is the law of the parties," he said, when asked what legislative or regulatory acts of France the so-called "rule of irreversibility of the concluded contract" is conditioned.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/france_reiterates_decision_to_sell_mistral_helicopter_carriers_to_russia_324325

Ukrainian premier resigns, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has tendered his resignation.

He said this after consultation with MPs from the rostrum of the Verkhovna Rada on Thursday.

"I am announcing my resignation due to the collapse of the coalition and the blocking of government initiatives," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_premier_resigns_324323

Yatseniuk says collapse of Rada coalition means failure to pass laws on filling budget, 24.07.2014

"Today's breakup of the coalition has consequences. Laws that would have filled the revenues of the budget have not been passed. This is understandable. Who wants to run in elections and simultaneously vote for unpopular laws?" he said speaking in

parliament on Wednesday.

Yatseniuk said that putting narrow political interest above the fate of the country was unacceptable.

"It is a moral and an ethical crime," he said

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215330.html>

Batkivshchyna supports Yatseniuk's resignation, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The Batkivshchyna faction supports resignation of incumbent Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk.

MP Andriy Pavlovsky told in the Verkhovna Rada sidelines July 25, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Naturally, we will support resignation of Yatseniuk. We cannot go against the Prime Minister's wish, moreover, he is our nominee," the MP confirmed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna_supports_yatseniuks_resignation_324342

Nobody will vote for resignation of Yatseniuk - Tiahnybok, 25. 07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The Svoboda faction is not going to vote for resignation of Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk.

Leader of the political force MP Oleh Tiahnybok told in the Verkhovna Rada sidelines, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We will not vote for resignation of Yatseniuk, but in case that the parliament supports this decision, he should be the Acting Premier," Tiahnybok said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nobody_will_vote_for_resignation_of_yatseniuk_tiahnybok_324345

Cabinet to fulfill its responsibilities in full - Hroisman, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers will be fully performing its duties, acting Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman said at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on Friday.

"Yesterday Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk announced his resignation. He sent the statement to parliament. I want to assure that this resignation is not officially accepted. The parliament has not yet considered it. And we'll fulfill duties in full," Hroisman said, addressing government officials.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet_to_fulfill_its_responsibilities_in_full_hroisman_324368

Canada imposes new sanctions on Russia, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Thursday new economic sanctions and travel bans on Russian companies "in response to the Putin regime's illegal occupation of Ukraine's Crimean region, and its persistent, provocative military activity targeting parts of eastern Ukraine," Radio Liberty has reported.

"The new list includes eight individuals from Ukraine, the leaders of pro-Russian separatists from the 'Donetsk People's Republic' and 'Luhansk People's Republic' groups, these groups themselves, as well as ten entities from Russia - from its defense, financial and energy sectors," reads the report.

The issue concerns defense companies Almaz-Antey, Bazalt, Concern Radio-Electronic Technologies, Concern Sozvezdie, MIC NPO Mashinostroyeniya, Kalashnikov Concern, KBP Instrument Design Bureau, the Novatek gas company, as well as Gazprombank and Vnesheconombank.

"As we have seen with the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 last week, the Putin regime's failure to end its support to armed separatist groups constitutes a very real threat to international peace and security," Harper said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/canada_imposes_new_sanctions_on_russia_324335

Our duty is to stand firm in the face of Russian aggression, 25.07.2014

“The world is saddened and rightfully outraged by images of the charred remnants of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, and by the loss of almost 300 people from 11 countries, strewn across fields in eastern Ukraine. While the grim work of identifying victims’ remains and tracking down the perpetrators of this appalling crime is just beginning, the world can be certain of one thing: There can be no weakening of our resolve to punish the Putin regime for threatening the peace and security of eastern and central Europe.”

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/our-duty-is-to-stand-firm-in-the-face-of-russian-aggression/article19767742/>

Petro Poroshenko: Ukraine needs the U.S. to respond to Russia, 25.07.2014

Russia’s behavior has only worsened since I took office in June. Moscow is playing a dangerously irresponsible game.

Now is the time for the international community to stand with Ukraine. To stop Russia, it will take the global community acting in concert. My country is doing everything it can to take charge of our destiny: We are working hard to curb corruption, implement much-needed reforms and, above all, restore the Ukrainian people’s faith in their government. Working together, we will not allow Moscow to stand in the way of creating a new open, united and prosperous Ukraine.

http://m.washingtonpost.com/opinions/petro-poroshenko-ukraine-needs-the-us-to-respond-to-russia/2014/07/25/c3452338-141f-11e4-98ee-daea85133bc9_story.html?hpid=z2/

Australia to send 100 extra police, troops to Ukraine: PM Abbott, 25.07.2014

(Reuters) - Australia will send 100 additional police and some defense force personnel to Europe to join a planned Dutch-led international security force to secure the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 crash site, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Friday. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers, some of whom will be armed, will join a contingent of 90 AFP officers already in London waiting for a deal with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko to be approved by Ukraine's parliament.

"This is a humanitarian mission, with a clear and simple objective," Abbott told reporters. "I expect the operation on the ground in Ukraine, should the deployment go ahead, to last no longer than a few weeks."

http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/25/us-ukraine-crisis-australia-idUSKBN0FU0JM20140725?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=twitter

Pentagon Plan Would Help Ukraine Target Rebel Missiles, 26.07.2014

The Pentagon and American intelligence agencies are developing plans that would enable the Obama administration to provide specific locations of surface-to-air missiles controlled by Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine so the Ukrainian government could target them for destruction, American officials said.

But the proposal has not yet been debated in the White House, a senior administration official said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/27/world/europe/ukraine-rebels.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=HpSum&module=first-column-region®ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&_r=5

United States expresses support for Poroshenko's efforts, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a telephone conversation with U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden, the press service of the head of state has reported.

Poroshenko informed Biden about the efforts of the Ukrainian side with respect to organizing a transparent investigation into the tragedy of the Malaysia Airlines plane and the results of negotiations with the Netherlands and Australia on clarifying the circumstances of the crash.

Biden expressed support for the efforts of the Ukrainian president on interaction between branches of power and stressed the readiness of the United States to promote comprehensive reform in Ukraine. Biden also expressed support for Ukraine as part of cooperation with the IMF.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/united_states_expresses_support_for_poroshenkos_efforts_324400

Poroshenko proposes U.S. form international coalition to support Ukraine, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has called on the United States to form, together with the EU, an international coalition in support of Ukraine.

He wrote this in his article in the Washington Post.

"As always, the United States should take the lead. Working together with the European Union, Washington can shape a worldwide coalition of nations in support of Ukraine to ensure that these terrorists are not able to strike again," reads the article.

Poroshenko stressed the importance of stronger sanctions instituted by the United States in response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine. However, he urged Washington to consider imposing even tougher and wider-reaching sectoral sanctions on Moscow. "And Europe needs to follow the lead of the United States and impose sectoral sanctions of its own," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_proposes_us_form_international_coalition_to_support_ukraine_324412

Russia building up its military presence along border with Ukraine, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to build up its military presence along the border with Ukraine, deploying new artillery positions.

National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Saturday.

"The army aviation of the Russian Armed Forces remains active in the border regions. According to available data, Russian military are equipping artillery firing positions near the settlements of Matveyev Kurgan, Kuibyshevo, and Novoshakhtinsk," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_building_up_its_military_presence_along_border_with_ukraine_324416

Russia more isolated than ever - White House, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. The White House has said that Russia is more isolated than ever as a result of sanctions imposed on it.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said this at a briefing on July 25, ITAR-TASS reported.

"Russia is more isolated than ever," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_more_isolated_than_ever_white_house_324418

Ukrainian president counts on further cooperation with Yatseniuk, entire cabinet, says press service, 26.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said that the head of state counts on further cooperation with Arseniy Yatseniuk and the entire Cabinet of Ministers, the press service of the president has reported.

The press service said that still, it doesn't exclude personnel reinforcement of the government's team.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215602.html>

Russia plans to send two Chechen battalions to Ukraine, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to pull military hardware and forces to the border with Ukraine. In particular, mercenaries from Chechnya arrived in Rostov-on-Don

Spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Sunday.

"Two battalions of mercenaries from Chechnya arrived in Rostov-on-Don... We have information that military hardware and soldiers are gathering from the side of the Russian border and arranging their place of deployment," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_plans_to_send_two_chechen_battalions_to_ukraine_324420

Officer who leaked information caught at ATO headquarters, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. At least one traitor has been found at the headquarters of the anti-terrorist operation recently. The officer leaked secret information about the conduct of ATO in Donbas to the Russian security services.

Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council Mykhailo Koval told on air of the TSN.

He noted that when he was Defense Minister, similar cases of revealing traitors, moreover on high positions, happened in the Ministry too. Instead, no traitors were revealed at the State Border Guard Service, where Koval worked earlier.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/officer_who_leaked_information_caught_at_ato_headquarters_324422

UN peacemakers can only freeze conflict in Ukraine, German MP says, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Sending UN peacekeepers to the east of Ukraine can freeze the conflict in Donbas, and its settlement can be expected over the years, member of the German Bundestag and CDU/CSU foreign policy spokesman Philip Missfelder said, according to the DW.

"If there is a military buffer zone, it can lead to a situation such as in the north of Cyprus. The UN for 40 years has been there to provide security and stability between Turkey and Cyprus, but the conflict has not been resolved. Thus the conflict is frozen," Missfelder said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_peacemakers_can_only_freeze_conflict_in_ukraine_german_mp_says_324439

Resolution recognizing Ukraine as NATO ally already at US Congress, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. A draft resolution entitled "Ukraine Security Assistance Act of 2014" has been submitted to the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, the press service of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council has reported.

The authors of the document are co-chairs of the Ukrainian group in the lower house of the Congress, Jim Gerlach, Sander Levin and Marcy Kaptur, Deutsche Welle reported.

Kaptur said that it was time for the United States "to provide reasonable security assistance to Ukraine." The bill grants Kyiv the status of NATO ally without accession to the alliance. "Our bill calls to designate Ukraine as a Major Non-NATO Ally, in order to temporarily provide vital resources and the security NATO offers to member states," Marcy added.

Gerlach, in turn, said that Russia does not respect the sovereignty of Ukraine and continues to encroach on its territory. "The evidence released by U.S. and Ukrainian intelligence authorities shows without a doubt that rebel separatists and hired thugs, armed with superior Russian technology and weapons, continue to foment havoc and instability," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/resolution_recognizing_ukraine_as_nato_ally_already_at_us_congress_324441

Pope Benedict urges Ukrainians to choose peace, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Pope Benedict XVI urged the parties to the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East to resolve all outstanding issues peacefully, Interfax-Ukraine reported.

"Stop! Please, I beg you with all of my heart. It's time to stop," he said, addressing the faithful at the Vatican. According to him, most of all he is concerned about the fate of

children in the war zones.

"Most of all I think about the children who are deprived of hope for a decent life, for the future. I think about the children who are killed, who get injured, left without parents. Children lose the ability to smile," Francis said. The Pope added that the authorities and ordinary citizens "should show wisdom and determination to make a choice in favor of peace."

"You have to remember that you can lose everything in the war, but nothing can be lost during the peace," the Pope concluded.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pope_benedict_urges_ukrainians_to_choose_peace_324445

FM Klimkin: Ukraine won't fight back Boeing crash site from terrorists, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine will not use weapons to repel the crash site of the Malaysia Airlines jet from terrorists, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told CNN in an interview, when asked whether the Ukrainian troops can fight back the crash site from terrorists.

"Theoretically, of course, yes, but if we do it [use weapons - ed.], all traces will be destroyed," Klimkin said. He stressed that for Ukraine it is primarily important to ensure a decent treatment with the dead people.

"We are the people of peace, for us it's about solving [conflict - ed.], about the people of Donbas, Donetsk and Luhansk, because they hate the terrorists," Klimkin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fm_klimkin_ukraine_wont_fight_back_boeing_crash_site_from_terrorists_324455

Ukrainian Defense Ministry probing reports about flight of 40 servicemen to Russia, 28.07.2014

Ukrainian Deputy Defense Minister Ihor Kabanenko has said that his ministry is probing reports about a group of Ukrainian servicemen crossing the border with Russia.

"The defense minister of Ukraine has appointed a probe in relation to an incident occurring on July 25, 2014 and involving 40 servicemen of the 51st motorized brigade allegedly crossing the state border with the Russian Federation," Kabanenko's statement received by Interfax on Sunday morning says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215641.html>

Total number of IDPs in Ukraine reaches almost 102,000 people - UN report, 28.07.2014

The UN has estimated the total number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine at 101,617 people, according to a report issued by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"Currently the vast majority (86%) of IDPs are from the east, with UNHCR estimating the total to be 101,617 as of July 25 - an increase of more than 15,000 since the reporting period ended on July 15," the press office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights reported, citing the fourth UN report, which covers the period from June 8 to July 15, 2014.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215694.html>

UN says 1,129 killed during anti-terrorist operation in Ukraine, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. A total of 1,129 people, including soldiers, civilians and terrorists, have been killed in Ukraine over the period of the anti-terrorist operation in the east of the country.

Such data are contained in a report of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, its chairman, Armen Harutyunyan, said in Kyiv on Monday, Ukrinform reported.

"The Monitoring Mission, together with the World Health Organization, believes that since mid-April, when the confrontation began, to until July 26 over 1,129 people have died in the east, including military, civilians and members of armed groups. More than

3,442 people were injured," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_says_1129_killed_during_anti_terrorist_operation_in_ukraine_324458

Yatseniuk again tables government-proposed bills in parliament, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian government is again submitting to parliament the government-proposed bills on amendments to the state budget, tax code and on the gas transportation system.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at a briefing at the Cabinet of Ministers on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The government is again submitting to parliament all the bills that Ukraine needs. I am appealing to all MPs, regardless of political color and desire to win the next parliamentary elections, to come to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Thursday and vote for those laws that are necessary for the Ukrainian state," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_again_tables_government_proposed_bills_in_parliament_324464

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215738.html>

Government proposes allocating UAH 9.1 bln to finance army and UAH 3.3 bln to rebuild Donbas, 28.07.2014

The proposed government amendments to Ukraine's state budget for 2014 envisage the allocation of UAH 9.1 billion as additional funding for Ukrainian security forces engaged in the anti-terrorist operation, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has said.

"In the draft amendments to the state budget we offer additional funding for the Ukrainian Armed Forces, the National Guard and all those engaged in the anti-terrorist operation in the amount of UAH 9.1 billion," he said at a briefing at the Cabinet of Ministers on Monday.

He said that it was planned to allocate UAH 3.3 billion for the restoration of the eastern regions of Ukraine affected as a result of the anti-terrorist operation.

"The second item of expenditure is the restoration of eastern Ukraine. We offered about UAH 8 billion, but after adjustment by the end of the year we envisage the amount of UAH 3.3 billion to rebuild the destroyed infrastructure in the east," Yatseniuk said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215762.html>

Yatseniuk links adoption of government-proposed laws to receipt of foreign borrowing from IMF, World Bank, 28.07.2014

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has said that Ukraine may not get the next tranche of the IMF and World Bank loan if the Verkhovna Rada does not adopt the bills proposed by the government on Thursday.

"If we adopt these bills, we will have money to finance the Armed Forces, rebuild Donetsk and Luhansk and help the whole of Ukraine in general. And we will get \$1.5 billion from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. If we don't adopt them, we will not get it," he told a press conference in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215763.html>

Cabinet plans to introduce military tax, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers intends to introduce a temporary military tax - as additional to the income tax of natural persons to the amount of 1.5%. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk told a briefing at the Cabinet, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"As concerns another temporary tax - this is the military tax of 1.5% - as an additional tax to the income tax of natural persons. All 1.5% will directly go to fund the Armed Forces," Yatseniuk said.

According to him, the tax, in case of its introduction, will be charged until the year end.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet_plans_to_introduce_military_tax_324474

Merkel ready to interrupt vacation for approval of sanctions against Russia, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The German government supports the approval by the European Union of a sectoral package of sanctions against Russia. To do this, German Chancellor Angela Merkel is ready to interrupt her vacation, if necessary, to attend an extraordinary meeting of the European Council in Brussels.

Deputy spokesperson for the German government Christiane Wirtz said this on Monday.

"The German government supports a significant package of measures directed at specific sectors, as only it can be a strong and clear signal from the German government and the EU to Russia. The federal government plans to complete consultations on this issue in Brussels until tomorrow. If necessary, the federal chancellor will be ready to attend an extraordinary EU summit," Wirtz said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_ready_to_interrupt_vacation_for_approval_of_sanctions_against_russia_324484

Yatseniuk: Lobbyists in parliament should recover consciousness and support GTS reform, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Yatseniuk encourages people's deputies to vote for the reform of the management system of the Ukrainian GTS, and not "to play into the hands of the Russians in the parliament."

He told a briefing on Monday after a closed meeting of the Cabinet, Ukrinform reports.

"In order that this draft law was passed, that the Russians did not build the South Stream, to increase revenues of the Ukrainian gas transportation system, gas pumping, and that the country is not frozen - we need to go back to the law and to stop playing into the hands of the Russians in the Ukrainian parliament... The names of all lobbyists are clear - those who sat all the life on gas flows and now frustrated and want to further disrupt the passage of the draft law," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_lobbyists_in_parliament_should_recover_consciousness_and_support_gts_reform_324486

Rada to ratify agreement on police mission on July 31, speaker tells Dutch, Australian foreign ministers, 28.07.2014

Ukrainian Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov discussed with Foreign Ministers of the Netherlands and Australia, Frans Timmermans and Julie Bishop, in Kyiv on Monday the progress of the recovery and return of remains of those who were killed in the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 crash and their personal belongings.

Turchynov promised that the Verkhovna Rada would ratify the agreement on the use of civilian police forces signed by Ukraine and Australia, which will allow the Australian police to stay in the Malaysia Airlines aircraft crash zone.

"However, you should understand that terrorists along with Russia do not want an objective investigation into the Boeing crash, so they will do their best to hamper it," the parliamentary speaker said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215794.html>

Klimkin: U.S. understands overcoming pro-Russian terrorists to benefit whole world, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The United States fully supports Poroshenko's Peace Plan and realizes that overcoming the pro-Russian terrorists will benefit the whole world and not only Ukraine, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin wrote this on his Twitter page.

"America has a full understanding that a victory over the pro-Russian terrorists in Ukraine will be a victory of not one country, but the whole world," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klimkin_us_understands_overcoming_pro_russian_terrorists_to_benefit_whole_world_324500

Stockholm arbitration consolidates Naftogaz and Gazprom proceedings, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. "The Stockholm arbitration consolidated the proceedings of Naftogaz of Ukraine and Gazprom," Naftogaz CEO Andriy Kobolev said on air of the Freedom of Speech program on the ICTV.

According to him, consolidation of the claims will significantly accelerate the beginning of the consideration of the case on its merits.

He also said that a procedure for appointing arbitrators will end soon and by winter there can be a preliminary decision.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/stockholm_arbitration_consolidates_naftogaz_and_gazprom_proceedings_324502

Svoboda won't vote for Yatseniuk resignation, Batkivschyna undecided, 29.07.2014

The All-Ukrainian Union Svoboda's parliamentary faction will not vote for Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk's resignation at the parliament's emergency meeting on July 31, while the Batkivschyna faction may finally decide to vote against Yatseniuk's resignation if the Cabinet-proposed bills are passed.

"The parliament is not going to make such a decision, as far as I know. At least, our faction will not vote for Yatseniuk's resignation. We think he is fit for the job and is an efficient manager and prime minister," lawmaker Andriy Illenko of the All-Ukrainian Union Svoboda's faction said at a press conference in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215830.html>

Yatseniuk says there will be no confrontation between president and prime minister in Ukraine, 29.07.2014

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has vowed that there will be no confrontation with the president as long as he remains the country's premier.

"When does the path toward reforms end? It ends when the premier and the president begin competing for power. I can state officially that there will never be a single instance of confrontation between the two branches of power - the institution of the president and prime minister of Ukraine as the executive branch of power - under any circumstances," he told the ICTV television program on Monday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215837.html>

U.S. partner status to give Ukraine new cooperation opportunities - Ukraine foreign minister, 29.07.2014

The issue of granting Ukraine a special partner status is currently being discussed in the United States, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said.

Readiness to provide further assistance to Ukraine exists in the Congress and Senate and the U.S. already provides such help, Klimkin said in an interview with Voice of America during his working trip to the U.S.

The issue of granting a special ally status to Ukraine is being discussed now and Ukraine will have new unique opportunities in the framework of this status, he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215884.html>

New EU sanctions against Russia to take effect immediately - Finnish PM, 29.07.2014

Finnish Prime Minister Alexander Stubb said that restrictive measures against Russia would affect the financial services industry, armaments, imports and exports of dual-use goods, and sensitive technologies.

"The sanctions will take effect immediately upon approval," he told the Finnish television and radio broadcasting portal Yle.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215982.html>

Brussels formally announces agreement on sectoral sanctions against Moscow - document, 29.07.2014

"Today the European Union has agreed a package of significant additional restrictive measures targeting sectoral cooperation and exchanges with the Russian Federation," according to a statement on behalf of European Council President Herman Van Rompuy.

In particular, these measures will "limit access to EU capital markets for Russian state-owned financial institutions, impose an embargo on trade in arms, establish an export ban for dual use goods for military end users, and curtail Russian access to sensitive technologies particularly in the field of the oil sector."

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216015.html>

EU and U.S. announce new sanctions on Russia over Ukraine, 29.07.2014

(Reuters) - The European Union and the United States on Tuesday announced further sanctions against Russia, targeting its energy, banking and defense sectors in the strongest international action yet over Moscow's support for rebels in eastern Ukraine. The measures mark the start of a new phase in the biggest confrontation between Moscow and the West since the Cold War, which worsened dramatically after the downing of Malaysian flight MH17 over rebel-held territory on July 17 by what Western countries say was a Russian-supplied missile.

"If Russia continues on this current path, the costs on Russia will continue to grow," President Barack Obama said in Washington.

"Russia's actions in Ukraine and the sanctions that we've already imposed have made a weak Russian economy even weaker," he said.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who had been reluctant to step up sanctions before the crash because of her country's trade links with Russia, said the latest EU measures were "unavoidable".

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/us-ukraine-crisis-east-idUSKBN0FY00X20140729>

<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/07/29/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/>

Seventeen Ukrainian servicemen freed from captivity in Horlivka – Poroshenko, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has met with the mothers and wives of the Ukrainian military who were held captive by militants in the town of Horlivka, the presidential press service has reported.

Seventeen hostages were released during a successful operation, and they arrived in Kyiv on July 29.

Informing the women about happy news, Poroshenko said: "We are fighting to ensure the release of all Ukrainians who are held hostage by bandits and terrorists. Despite the fact that these fiends use torture with respect to the guys, our military have a very strong spirit and endure the test with honor."

Prior to the recent release of 17 hostages, their number was 168, Poroshenko said when meeting with the mothers and wives of Ukrainian servicemen earlier taken captive, the presidential press service said.

"Their number has decreased by 17," the president said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seventeen_ukrainian_servicemen_freed_from_captivity_in_horlivka_poroshenko_324541

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216038.html>

Ukraine will not stop fighting for Crimea - Klimkin, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said Ukraine would not stop fighting for Crimea. He said this at the Atlantic Council meeting, Hromadske TV reported.

"Annexation and occupation of Crimea have been forgotten by many. I want to say that Crimea was, is and will be Ukrainian. We will not stop fighting for Crimea," the minister emphasized. He also added that the moods in Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk regions have changed.

"Now, the moods are changing in Crimea, as well as in Donetsk and Luhansk regions... Unfortunately, it took a series of tragic events, in particular, the downed Malaysian aircraft," Klimkin noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_will_not_stop_fighting_for_crimea_klimkin_324549

Russian army moves closer to Ukraine - Pentagon, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. More than 10,000 Russian soldiers in combined arms battalion tactical units are massed at the Ukrainian border, they are closer to the Ukrainian border than Russian forces were in the spring, Pentagon Press Secretary Navy Rear Admiral John Kirby said, BBC reports.

He also noted that the advanced weapons systems continue moving across the border and being provided to the terrorists in Donbas.

According to the Admiral, these systems include multiple rocket-launched systems, artillery, tanks and air defense systems.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_army_moves_closer_to_ukraine_pentagon_324553

US has evidence that Russia fired missiles at Ukraine - White House, 30.07.2014

Washington has evidence of Russia firing missiles at Ukraine, White House spokesman Josh Earnest has said.

"We have seen evidence to indicate that the Russians have fired weapons from the Russian side of the border aimed squarely at Ukrainian forces," he said.

"It only underscores the importance of the international community taking action to impose further economic costs on the Russians to get them to reevaluate their strategy in Ukraine," he added.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216052.html>

Russia to face complete isolation if it invades Ukraine - US secretary of state, 30.07.2014

Russia will face complete isolation if it invades Ukraine, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has said.

"[U.S.] President [Barack Obama] has made it clear that there are many different options, but that would be taken, needless to say, as not just a violation of all notions of international law, but an exceedingly dangerous action," Kerry said at a press conference on Tuesday, when asked what the United States is going to do if Russia invades Ukraine.

"It would wind up with, you know, the most severe possible kinds of isolation and sanctions possible. And Germany, France, other countries in Europe, would clearly join into that in ways that would have a profound, profound impact on the Russian economy," he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216058.html>

Ukraine not using ballistic missiles against terrorists - National Security and Defense Council, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is not firing ballistic missiles at terrorists, because they are not in service in the country, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"The ATO forces have enough effective weapons using which we manage to destroy terrorists and liberate our land," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_not_using_ballistic_missiles_against_terrorists_national_security_and_defense_council_324582

Ukraine preparing documents for liberation of Crimea, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is preparing a package of documents for the liberation of the occupied Crimea from Russian aggressors.

Deputy Head of Ukraine's Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said this at a briefing on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The Crimean issue is on the agenda, and Ukraine's official position is that Crimea was, is and will be Ukrainian. It will take time, but we are now working on a legal package that will make this decision possible in future," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_preparing_documents_for_liberation_of_crimea_324586

Sobolev says no votes for Yatseniuk's resignation, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Head of the Batkivshchyna faction Serhiy Sobolev says the Verkhovna Rada has no the necessary votes for resignation of Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, he told journalists today.

"The Premier's resignation requires 226 votes... If the parliament fails to vote for resignation of the government, the government will continue to be the same government in the same membership unless the change of individual ministers or deputy prime ministers is proposed," Sobolev said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sobolev_says_no_votes_for_yatseniuks_resignation_324590

Sanctions approximate formation of anti-Putin coalition - Parubiy, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. A new portion of sanctions, imposed by the European Union and the United States against Russia, is an important step toward formation of the anti-Putin coalition.

Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Parubiy wrote on Twitter. "Support from the U.S. and the EU in the form of sanctions against the Russian economy sectors is very important when we are in an active attack on terrorism ... these sanctions are an important step in forming the anti-Putin coalition. This shows that Putin is losing not only in Ukraine, but also in the foreign policy," Parubiy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sanctions_approximate_formation_of_anti_putin_coalition_parubiy_324605

Avakov proposes to confiscate money, property from sponsors of terrorism, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. The Interior Ministry proposes to impose sanctions against terrorism and separatism in Ukraine.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov wrote on Facebook.

"The Interior Ministry proposes to expand a range of the issues, which will be tackled by the governmental Committee for the use of sanctions against persons, supporting and funding terrorism, sanctions against persons, who sponsored not only terrorism, but separatism in Ukraine. In other words, against those, who made everything for violation of the territorial integrity of Ukraine - annexed Crimea and who tried to split the south-east regions from Ukraine," Avakov wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/avakov_proposes_to_confiscate_money_property_from_sponsors_of_terrorism_324613

Ukraine welcomes U.S., EU Russia sanctions, says Moscow must respond, 30.07.2014

(Reuters) - Ukraine's foreign minister welcomed U.S. and European sanctions on Russia announced on Tuesday and pledged Kiev would not attack cities now controlled by pro-Russian separatists in its drive to re-establish control over its territory. Pavlo Klimkin, in an interview with Reuters, supported the convening of a new international conference to end months of violence in eastern Ukraine and said he had discussed the idea with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry earlier in the day.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/30/us-ukraine-crisis-klimkin-idUSKBN0FZ09120140730>

NATO notes buildup of Russian army near Ukraine, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The number of Russian troops along the border with Ukraine is increasing, and it is "well over 12,000."

NATO's top commander, Gen. Philip Breedlove, said this on Wednesday, Reuters reported.

"We watch the materials move from inside the central military district of Russia to the area of Rostov, where they are assembled, met, trained, moved towards the border, and then we see them across the border being employed in Ukraine," he said during his one-day visit to Kosovo, where he inspected the alliance's peacekeeping mission.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_notes_buildup_of_russian_army_near_ukraine_324627

Taruta: We do everything to preserve industry, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. As distinct from decentralization, federalization will only lead to the increase in the number of officials.

Chairman of the Donetsk regional state administration Serhiy Taruta said during a meeting with workers of metallurgical enterprises at the Ilyich Iron and Steel Works, information and press department of the Donetsk regional state administration informs. "The best way is decentralization. We are doing everything for this. From 2015, we will try to delegate maximum authorities to the local level, not to the region, but directly to towns and settlements," the governor said.

Speaking about the course of the antiterrorist operation in Donetsk region, Serhiy Taruta stressed that regional authorities do everything in order to preserve the regional industry.

"Our common task is not to lose fixed assets in those difficult times," the regional head said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/taruta_we_do_everything_to_preserve_industry_324629

Poroshenko calls government, MPs for unity: Don't open second front, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The laws that the government urges MPs to pass are unpopular, but they are very necessary to the state. Therefore, the Verkhovna Rada should consolidate for their adoption, because the internal squabbles would benefit only the enemies of Ukraine.

President Petro Poroshenko said this in his address to the Verkhovna Rada on Thursday.

"Today, the parliament's decisions are needed not only to finance the army, although it is the No.1 issue. The parliament's decisions are needed in order to ensure that the country's economy works, that people could feel themselves safe and protected. I insist the work of the Verkhovna Rada should not be paralyzed. We need consolidation, rather than confrontation," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_calls_government_mps_for_unity_dont_open_second_front_324643

Ukraine hopes for practical assistance from US in implementing domestic reforms - Klimkin, 31.07.2014

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has held a number of meetings in the U.S. Congress, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's press service reported.

Klimkin met with chairman and co-chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, Congressmen Ed Royce and Eliot Engel, chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the Senate, Senator Carl Levin, as well as the management and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs, Senators Christopher Murphy, Ronald Johnson, Benjamin Cardin, Jeanne Shaheen, James Risch, the Foreign Ministry's press service said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216258.html>

Yatseniuk believes Kolomoisky, Akhmetov will readily pay increased taxes, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The Prime Minister believes that billionaires Rinat Akhmetov and Ihor Kolomoisky will readily pay more taxes for gas and oil production in compliance with amendments to the Tax Code, approved by the Verkhovna Rada today.

He told reporters in Kyiv about this, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We managed to raise taxes for most profitable businesses, which are in the hands of the oligarchs. I am convinced that Rinat Akhmetov's companies will readily pay the increased tax... I am also convinced that Ihor Kolomoisky will pay with pleasure the oil rent increased from 39 to 45 percent," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_believes_kolomoisky_akhmetov_will_readily_pay_increased_taxes_324674

Oettinger: Russia itself depends on gas sale to Europe, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Moscow will comply with its obligations as gas supplier to Europe, because it needs daily revenues to the state budget.

European Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger told the German television channel ARD, Ukrinform's Berlin correspondent reported.

"We take this [threat - ed.] seriously. But I think that the dependence is mutual, so they will comply with the daily gas contract," he said.

"The European gas industry pays on time, and the market is important for Russia," he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/oettinger_russia_itself_depends_on_gas_sale_to_europe_324676

G7 leaders call on Russia to stop supporting separatists in eastern Ukraine - statement, 31.07.2014

The leaders of the Group of Seven countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the United States) have called on Russia to use its influence with separatists in Ukraine to de-escalate the situation in the country's eastern regions.

"Regrettably however, Russia has not changed course. This week, we have all announced additional coordinated sanctions on Russia, including sanctions on specific companies operating in key sectors of the Russian economy. We believe it is essential to demonstrate to the Russian leadership that it must stop its support for the separatists in eastern Ukraine," reads a joint statement by G7 leaders, which was posted on the Web site of the British government.

The statement reads that the Russian government should tangibly participate in creating the necessary conditions for the political process.

"Russia still has the opportunity to choose the path of de-escalation, which would lead to the removal of these sanctions. If it does not do so, however, we remain ready to further intensify the costs of its adverse actions," reads the statement.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216374.html>

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Poroshenko tells Merkel, Kerry and Hollande how he will act further, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a telephone conversation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and French President Francois Hollande, the press service of the Ukrainian president has reported.

During the conversations Poroshenko informed his international partners with whom he was in constant dialogue that the term of the ceasefire expired at 22.00 on June 30, and

after a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine it was decided to end the ceasefire.

He said that the Ukrainian side for ten consecutive days was fulfilling in full its obligations and unilaterally complied with the ceasefire and paid dozens of lives for that.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_tells_merkel_kerry_and_hollande_how_he_will_act_further_323224

Ukrainian MPs cancel summer holidays, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian MPs have decided to extend the work of the fourth session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the 7th convocation until September 2. A total of 288 lawmakers voted for this decision on Tuesday.

"The session will be closed on September 2, and the next session will immediately open on September 2," Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_mps_cancel_summer_holidays_323244

Poroshenko, Bildt discuss situation in Donbas, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt have discussed the situation in the Donbas and further steps to implement the president's peace plan, the presidential press service has reported.

"The Swedish foreign minister accepted with understanding the head of state's decision to end the ceasefire in the Donbas," reads the statement.

According to the press service, Bildt backed Poroshenko's readiness to return to the non-use of force under conditions reflected in the European Council (EC) resolution of June 27, namely the bilateral ceasefire and introduction of reliable control on the Ukrainian-Russian border under the OSCE monitoring, the release of all hostages without exception, and the readiness to start political talks to implement the peace plan.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_bildt_discuss_situation_in_donbas_323250

VR institutes Order of Heavenly Hundred, 01.07.2014

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted law on introducing amendments into article 7 of the Law of Ukraine "On State Awards of Ukraine" (on instituting of Order of Heavenly Hundred) (№4175a).

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934555-vr-institutes-order-of-heavenly-hundred.html>

Over 27,000 people leave Donbas, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. More than 27,000 residents of Donetsk and Luhansk regions have been settled throughout Ukraine, the State Service for Emergency Situations said in a statement on Wednesday.

"From the beginning of the anti-terrorist operation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as of the morning July 2 the Interagency Coordination Staff moved and settled in other regions of Ukraine over 27,013 Ukrainian citizens. Among the re-settlers are: children - 10,268, persons with disabilities and elderly - 3, 454 people," the report reads.

The emergency agency officials added that most citizens have been accommodated in Kyiv, Kyiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Odesa, and Dnipropetrovsk regions.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_27000_people_leave_donbas_323289

Tsarev is internationally wanted, 02.07.2014

Devoid of lawmaker powers leader of the separatist movement "South-East" Oleh Tsarev is internationally wanted.

Informed source in the Interior Ministry of Ukraine disclosed this to UNIAN.

"Tsarev is is internationally wanted", - noted an interlocutor of the agency.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935087-tsarev-is-internationally-wanted.html>

Russian border guards set up firing positions near border of Ukraine – SBSU, 02.07.2014

In the territory of Russia, near the border with Ukraine Russian soldiers are setting up firing positions, using armoured vehicles. Russian border guards set up firing positions near border of Ukraine – SBSU / REUTERS The Mass Media Department of Administration of the State Border Service of Ukraine disclosed this to UNIAN. As it is noted in the report, these positions were observed in front of the Donetsk Oblast. Moreover, border guards often notice a movement of military equipment and subdivisions of the Armed Forces of Russia near the Ukrainian border.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935195-russian-border-guards-set-up-firing-positions-near-border-of-ukraine-sbsu.html>

Poroshenko to propose defense minister, general staff's chief nominees for parliament's approval – presidential press service, 02.07.2014

When meeting with leaders of parliamentary groups and factions on Wednesday, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has announced his plans to nominate a new defense minister and chief of the General Staff, who are to be approved by parliament. "The president has announced that he will propose Colonel-General Valeriy Heletei as a nominee to the position of the defense minister and Lieutenant General Viktor Muzhenko as a nominee to the position of the chief of the General Staff for the Verkhovna Rada's approval," the presidential press service reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211842.html>

Poroshenko reveals Defence Minister, Chief of General Staff candidates, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko at a meeting with leaders of parliamentary groups and factions on July 2 said that he made a number of decisions regarding changes in the security staff, the president's press office said in a statement.

"Today we demand the determination and professionalism of the military for effective action in the area of ATO," Poroshenko said.

The head of state said that he nominates Colonel-General Valeriy Heletei as Defence Minister, Lieutenant General Viktor Muzhenko as Chief of the General Staff. To coordinate and improve manageability of the security staff Poroshenko appointed Yuriy Kosiuk First Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_reveals_defence_minister_chief_of_general_staff_candidates_323324

Heletey appointed Defence Minister, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. MPs on Thursday supported the appointment of Valeriy Heletey as Minister of Defence of Ukraine.

260 lawmakers voted in favor of the decision, according to a Ukrinform reporter.

The Verkhovna Rada also dismissed Mykhailo Koval as Defence Minister.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/heletey_appointed_defence_minister_323340

President appoints billionaire Kosiuk as first deputy chief of his administration, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Yuriy Kosiuk has been appointed first deputy head of Ukraine's Presidential Administration.

President Petro Poroshenko announced this in the Verkhovna Rada on Thursday.

"Yuriy Kosiuk will be first deputy head of the presidential administration for better cooperation between the president and the law enforcement unit, and providing support for law enforcement and logistics," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_appoints_billionaire_kosiuk_as_first_deputy_chief_of_his_administration_323344

President appoints Muzhenko as commander-in-chief of Armed Forces, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Lieutenant General Viktor Muzhenko commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_appoints_muzhenko_as_commander_in_chief_of_armed_forces_323346

SBU, border guards detain Kurgan Cossack chief, 03.07.2014

On July 2, officers of the Security Service of Ukraine together with border guards detained a Russian chief of the so-called Kurgan Cossacks, Valery Popov, at the Uspenka checkpoint, in Donetsk region, when he attempted to enter Ukraine to support the rebels.

The day before, Popov told Russian journalists that his Cossacks were going to Donetsk and Sloviansk to fight against the Ukrainian authorities and urged all those who specialized in armored vehicles to join them, the SBU press center reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212000.html>

Parliament votes for state of emergency in energy sector at first reading, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian MPs have supported a bill on a special period in Ukraine's fuel and energy sector.

A total of 237 lawmakers voted for such a decision on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament_votes_for_state_of_emergency_in_energy_sector_at_first_reading_323385

VR adopts in first reading draft law on modernization and reorganization of GTS of Ukraine, 04.07.2014

The Verkhovna Rada adopted in the first reading a law on reformatting of the gas transport system of Ukraine, which will permit to attract investors to its modernization.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935902-vr-adopts-in-first-reading-draft-law-on-modernization-and-reorganization-of-gts-of-ukraine.html>

Prosecutors have no proofs of firing at Stanytsia Luhanska by Ukrainian army, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The Military Prosecutor's Office in Southern Region of Ukraine is checking the circumstances of using weapons upon either air attack or artillery fire in the village of Stanytsia-Luhanska in Luhansk region.

"As for now, reports about air strikes on or shelling of the village by the units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine have not been confirmed," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/prosecutors_have_no_proofs_of_firing_at_stanytsia_luhanska_by_ukrainian_army_323387

SBU starts criminal proceedings against head of Russian Border Service, 04.07.2014

Ukraine has launched criminal proceedings against the head of the Border Service of the Russian Federation, the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Chief Valentyn Nalyvaichenko has said.

"Today, the Security Service of Ukraine ... has started criminal proceedings against the head of the Border Service of the Russian Federation. He also holds the office of the deputy director of the Federal Security Service of Russia," the SBU press center reported on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212166.html>

Poroshenko appoints Roman Romanov as new head of Ukroboronprom, 04.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Roman Romanov as the director general of the Ukroboronprom state concern on Friday, July 4.

Relevant decree No. 569/2014 was signed and published on the president's Web site. <http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212185.html>

Sloviansk - ours: Ukrainian flag raised over city council building, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. The national flag of Ukraine was raised over the city council in Sloviansk after it was liberated from terrorists on Saturday.

The Minister of Defence, Colonel-General Valeriy Heletey and Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant-General Viktor Muzhenko reported this to President Petro Poroshenko, the press service of the head of state said.

"Mr. President, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, your order to liberate Sloviansk from militants is executed. At that moment the national flag of Ukraine was raised by Ukrainian soldiers over Sloviansk city council building," Heletey said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sloviansk_ours_ukrainian_flag_raised_over_city_council_building_323436

Glazyev faces criminal charges in Ukraine, 07.07.2014

The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has launched a criminal inquiry against Russian Presidential Advisor Sergei Glazyev.

The case was opened on the charge of "public calls for starting a military conflict" under Article 436 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code, SBU chief Valentyn Nalyvaichenko said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212314.html>

Ukrainian Treasury starts transfer of July pensions to Sloviansk, Kramatorsk, 07.07.2014

The State Treasury of Ukraine started to transfer July pensions to the Sloviansk and Kramatorsk districts, the Donetsk region on Sunday, the Treasury press service reports.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/economic/212288.html>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state_treasury_service_transfers_funds_to_pay_pensions_in_sloviansk_kramatorsk_323458

Ukrzaliznytsia resumes train traffic in Donbas, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrzaliznytsia, Ukraine's state-controlled railway carrier, resumed the traffic of the four pairs of trains in the direction from Kharkiv to Donetsk region, suspended since May 2.

The railway carrier said this in a statement on Monday.

"Today, July 7, the traffic of all trains of the Southern Railway has been resumed in the direction of Donetsk region. Specifically, it includes the following suburban trains: Kharkiv - Dubove, Kharkiv - Havrylivka, Kharkiv - Blyzniuky, Kharkiv Levada - Krasny Lyman," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrzaliznytsia_resumes_train_traffic_in_donbas_323454

Rescuers restoring critical infrastructure in Sloviansk, Kramatorsk, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Rescuers began to restore the critical infrastructure in Sloviansk and Kramatorsk, the General Directorate of the State Emergencies Service in Donetsk region said in a statement on Monday.

"35 tons of food have been delivered to Sloviansk by units of the State Emergencies Service of Ukraine in Kharkiv, Poltava and Kirovohrad regions. Approximately 6,000 cans of canned meat and fish, 10,000 liters of water, more than 10 tons of flour, 3 tons of cereals, 10 tons of sugar and 5 tons other food have been provided to the residents of the liberated city," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rescuers_restoring_critical_infrastructure_in_sloviansk_kramatorsk_323470

Ukrainian flag raised over Kostiantynivka Town Council, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletei has reported to President Petro Poroshenko that Ukraine's state flag has been raised over the Town Council of Kostiantynivka in the Donetsk region, the presidential press service reported. According to Heletei, a special forces unit completed mine clearing in the building of the Town Council of Kostiantynivka in Donetsk region, over which the Ukrainian Armed Forces have raised the national flag. According to the report, in the evening on Monday the head of state will hold a meeting with the heads of law enforcement agencies about a plan for further actions.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_flag_raised_over_kostiantynivka_town_council_323472

Border guards close nine checkpoints, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian border guards have closed nine border checkpoints, whereas their Russian colleagues have closed four.

First Deputy Chairman of the State Border Service of Ukraine Pavlo Shysholin said this at a press conference at Ukrinform on Monday.

"Nine checkpoints have been closed on Ukraine's border under a Cabinet of Ministers resolution. The Russian side has closed four crossing points," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/border_guards_close_nine_checkpoints_323474

Judge Kireyev, who sent Tymoshenko to jail, put on wanted list – Interior Ministry, 07.07.2014

Rodion Kireyev, the judge who sentenced former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko to seven years in jail in the so-called gas case in 2011, has been placed on the wanted list, according to a posting on the Web site of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212341.html>

President Poroshenko approves Donbas liberation plan, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. President Petro Poroshenko approved a plan of liberation of Donbas from terrorists, Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC), former Defence Minister Mykhailo Koval told Channel 5 on Monday.

"The President of Ukraine, Supreme Commander-in-Chief Petro Poroshenko very thoroughly approved a plan that fully provides all phases of the liberation of our land from those people who are destabilizing the situation out there," Koval said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_poroshenko_approves_donbas_liberation_plan_323495

Ukrainian army restores bridge destroyed by terrorists, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces restored road traffic to the settlement of Kryva Luka in Donetsk region, the press office of the Defence Ministry wrote on its Facebook page.

"Military engineers quickly built the bridge instead of the one destroyed by militants," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_army_restores_bridge_destroyed_by_terrorists_323498

Ukraine closes sky over Donbas, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The State Aviation Service closed the airspace in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) for civilian aircraft, the liga.net online edition reported.

"In order to ensure an adequate level of safety, the airspace over the territory of the ATO is closed for any flights of civilian aircraft in the interests of national aviation. The corresponding ban has been issued by the State Aviation Service," the agency said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_closes_sky_over_donbas_323510

Justice ministry asking court to ban communists, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The Ministry of Justice filed a lawsuit to ban the Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU).

The ministry said this in a statement on its official website on Tuesday.

"On July 8 Justice Minister Pavlo Petrenko will hold a briefing on the lawsuit to ban the Communist Party of Ukraine," the ministry said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/justice_ministry_asking_court_to_ban_communists_323514

Medvedchuk won't be present at tripartite talks anymore, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. Viktor Medvedchuk will no longer attend the negotiations of the so-called tripartite contact group to resolve the situation in eastern Ukraine, a source close to the negotiation process told Ukrinform on Tuesday.

According to the source, ex-president Leonid Kuchma will continue to participate in the negotiations.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedchuk_wont_be_present_at_tripartite_talks_anymore_323527

Poroshenko visits Sloviansk, 09.07.2014

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko paid a working visit to Sloviansk of the Donetsk Oblast today. REUTERS The press service of Donetsk Oblast State Administration disclosed this to UNIAN. It is noted in the report that in Sloviansk Poroshenko met with local residents, spoke to people and assured them that authorities do their best for resuming of normal life in the city. Also during the working to Sloviansk the President awarded military men, who distinguished themselves in carrying out of antiterrorist operation in the Donetsk Oblast.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/937562-poroshenko-visits-sloviansk.html#ad-image-0>

Former Microsoft Ukraine general manager appointed deputy head of Poroshenko's administration, 10.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed former General Manager of Microsoft Ukraine Dmitry Shymkiv as presidential administration's deputy head for administrative, social and economic reform, the presidential press service said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212881.html>

Heletei: Ukrainian state flag hoisted above Siversk Town Hall, 11.07.2014

The Ukrainian state flag has been hoisted above the Siversk Town Hall in the Donetsk region, Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletei told President Petro Poroshenko.

"The president was informed that the Ukrainian state flag had just been raised above the Town Hall of Siversk, Donetsk region, in the course of a military operation," the presidential press service said on Thursday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213102.html>

Ukrainian govt forces retake Izvaryne border checkpoint, Kyiv says, 11.07.2014

Ukrainian troops have seized control over the border checkpoint in Izvaryne, Luhansk region, the press center of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

The troops completed the task of restoring and unblocking the Ukrainian border and taking the border checkpoints in Chervonopartyzansk and Izvaryne, the ATO press center reported on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213131.html>

Poroshenko discusses de-escalation steps with Biden, 14.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko held consultations with U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden by telephone on Saturday, the Ukrainian president's press service reported.

"The talks dealt with intensive coordination between Ukraine and the United States, and with the European partners. Biden assured the Ukrainian president that the United States was prepared to intensify international efforts to forge a peaceful settlement," it said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213377.html>

Poroshenko urges EU to assess cases of illegal actions of Russian military, 14.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has held talks with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, the press service of the head of state has reported.

"During the conversation, Poroshenko urged the European Union to assess the cases of illegal crossing of the Russian-Ukrainian border by military hardware, and attacks by Russian military on the positions of Ukrainian servicemen," reads the report.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213398.html>

Border guards confirm Russia reinforcing troops on border with Ukraine, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Russia is continuing to bring troops to Ukraine's state border, and the movement of Russian troops in front of Sumy and Luhansk regions was recorded on Sunday, the press office of the State Border Service of Ukraine reported.

"Russia is continuing to pull its troops to the state border of Ukraine. The movement of units and military hardware (armored personnel carriers, infantry fighting vehicles, tanks, KamAZ trucks with towed howitzers) in front of the Sumy and Luhansk border detachments has been recorded over the past 24 hours," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/border_guards_confirm_russia_reinforcing_troops_on_border_with_ukraine_323729

SBU liquidates gang that was managed from Russia, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has liquidated a bandit group that was organized by the Russian special services for committing terrorist acts in Zaporizhzhia region, the SBU press center has told Ukrinform.

"The activity of a criminal group created by Russian special services for committing terrorist acts in order to destabilize the situation in the region under the so-called 'Donbas scenario' was stopped in Zaporizhzhia," the press center reported.

In the early hours of July 14, SBU employees arrested six members of the gang who were preparing to blow up the office of a news agency in Zaporizhzhia. An explosive device was seized from the criminals, SBU said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_liquidates_gang_that_was_managed_from_russia_323737

Ex-Sloviansk mayor Shtepa detained for two months, 14.07.2014

Former Sloviansk Mayor Nelia Shtepa has been arrested for two months with no right to post bail for 60 days, a press service of prosecutor's office of Kharkiv region reported.

"The pretrial inquiry is being carried by the prosecutor's agencies, since Shtepa is a local government official of the third category," the regional prosecutor's office told.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213502.html>

Ukraine evacuating its citizens from Gaza, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has announced the beginning of evacuation of Ukrainians from the Gaza Strip, where a military operation is ongoing. He wrote this on his Twitter page.

"The evacuation of Ukrainians from the Gaza Strip to Israel and Egypt has begun. Consuls have received instructions," Klimkin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_evacuating_its_citizens_from_gaza_323766

PM Yatseniuk visiting ATO area, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk arrived on a working visit to liberated Sloviansk, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported.

During the visit, the premier toured one of the damaged houses and a secondary school No.15, which also suffered damage.

Yatseniuk promised that the school for more than 650 children will be repaired until September 1.

Later on, journalist Oleksandr Arhat on his Twitter page reported that Yatseniuk is already in Semenivka and posted images with the head of government.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_yatseniuk_visiting_ato_area_323856

Russia reconnoiters our positions with drones - SBGS, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to pull its troops to the border with Ukraine, and actively uses unmanned aerial vehicles to spy on the positions of the Ukrainian military, the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) reported on Wednesday.

"The Russian Federation continues to pull troops to the state border of Ukraine.

Additionally, they reconnoiter positions of the border guards and ATO forces using unmanned aerial vehicles," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_reconnoiters_our_positions_with_drones_sbgs_323878

NSDC publicizes proofs of redeploying of Russian "Grads" through border of Ukraine, 17.07.2014

The National Security and Defense Council publicized proofs of the facts that Russian "Grad" BM-21 launch vehicles crosses the border of Ukraine in district of "Amvrosievka". The video is posted at the page of information-analytical center of the NSDC in Youtube.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940814-nsdc-publicizes-proofs-of-redeploying-of-russian-grads-through-border-of-ukraine.html>

President orders ministry to respond to shelling of Ukrainian servicemen from Russia, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has instructed the Foreign Ministry to respond to the cases of the shelling of Ukrainian servicemen from the territory of the Russian Federation, the presidential press service has reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_orders_ministry_to_respond_to_shelling_of_ukrainian_servicemen_from_russia_323929

Russia pulls mechanized infantry troops and artillery to Ukrainian border, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to pull the troops to the state border of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service informs.

"We know that units of the 9th Separate Motorized Rifle Brigade and the 288th Artillery Brigade of the Armed Forces of Russia are in the districts bordering Ukraine in Rostov and Belgorod regions," the press service of the State Border Guard Service reports.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulls_mechanized_infantry_troops_and_artillery_to_ukrainian_border_324037

Ukrainian troops already in Dzerzhynsk, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian servicemen have seized the headquarters of separatists in Dzerzhynsk and launched an operation to liberate the town from militants. Ukrainian Defense Minister Colonel General Valeriy Heletei reported this to President Petro Poroshenko on Monday, the presidential press service reported.

"The Ukrainian Armed Forces have occupied the headquarters of militants in Dzerzhynsk, Donetsk region, and begun the liberation of the town from terrorist groups," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_already_in_dzerzhynsk_324088

Ukrainian parliament approves Poroshenko's partial mobilization decree, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian MPs have approved a Ukrainian presidential decree on partial mobilization.

A total of 232 MPs voted for this decision, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

Under the law, mobilization is conducted within 45 days from the date of entry into force of the decree.

"The need to make a decision on partial mobilization is triggered by the spread of terrorism on Ukrainian territory, leading to the deaths of civilians, servicemen and employees of military formations and law enforcement agencies of Ukraine in the eastern regions of the country," reads an explanatory note to the law.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_parliament_approves_poroshenkos_partial_mobilization_decree_324116

Verkhovna Rada requests military assistance abroad, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian MPs have approved a Verkhovna Rada statement on the tragic death of people as a result of a terrorist attack committed over Ukrainian territory.

A total of 236 MPs voted for the document on Tuesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_requests_military_assistance_abroad_324125

Rada officially blames Russia for involvement in international terrorism, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has adopted a statement on combating the spread of Russian-supported international terrorism.

A total of 234 MPs voted for a respective resolution, No. 4321-a, on Tuesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada_officially_blames_russia_for_involvement_in_international_terrorism_324129

Rada empowers speaker to dissolve faction if it shrinks, 22.07.2014

The Ukrainian parliament has legislatively secured the right of the Verkhovna Rada chairman to dissolve a faction if it is smaller than during its formation at the first session.

A total of 232 MPs voted at the fifth attempt for the respective law introducing amendments to the Verkhovna Rada rules of procedure regarding the composition and the cessation of activity of factions (groups).

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214858.html>

Verkhovna Rada rises minimum age for military in reserve, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. People's deputies passed a law that increased the age for military service in the reserve up to 60 years.

According to a Ukrinform correspondent, 232 deputies voted for this decision.

The age limit is raised for all military in reserve, except for high-ranking officers, from 50 to 60 years, high-ranking officers - from 55 to 65 years.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_rises_minimum_age_for_military_in_reserve_324152

Poroshenko signs law on partial mobilization, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a law on partial mobilization, the press service of the head of state has reported.

As reported, on July 22, MPs approved a Ukrainian presidential decree on partial mobilization.

According to the document, mobilization is conducted within 45 days from the date of entry into force of the decree.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_law_on_partial_mobilization_324193

Poroshenko sets up National Reform Council, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has ordered the creation of a National Reform Council, which will plan and coordinate positions on the implementation of a single state reform policy.

A decree to that effect has been posted on the website of the head of state.

"To ensure the implementation of a single, agreed state reform policy in Ukraine, establish an effective mechanism for cooperation between state authorities and civil society institutions in the implementation of the reform, I decree to create a National Reform Council as a special advisory body under the president of Ukraine," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_sets_up_national_reform_council_324195

Poroshenko signs into law bill providing for Communist Party's dissolution, 23.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed into law amendments to the parliament's rules of procedure passed by the Verkhovna Rada on Tuesday, presidential press secretary Sviatoslav Tseholko said.

"The president has signed amendments to the law on the rules of procedure," Tseholko said on Twitter on Tuesday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215007.html>

Ukrainian Communist Party leader attacked in Rada, 23.07.2014

Petro Symonenko, leader of the Ukrainian Communist Party faction, was attacked by parliamentarians during the Wednesday morning parliament session.

After a proposal was made to remove Symonenko from the hall, deputies from the Svoboda faction began pushing him from the hall for his statements "on the killing by Ukrainian military of the country's citizens for use in organ transplantation.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215008.html>

Interior Ministry opens criminal case against Russian defense minister, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. The main investigation department of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry has opened a criminal case against Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and pro-Kremlin oligarch Konstantin Malofeyev.

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

"The main investigation department of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry has opened a criminal case against Russian citizens S.K. Shoigu and K.V. Malofeyev on the grounds of committing a criminal offense," Avakov wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/interior_ministry_opens_criminal_case_against_russian_defense_minister_324199

Ukrainian National Guard cleansing Severodonetsk, Lysychansk of militants, 23.07.2014

The Ukrainian National Guard and the Ukrainian army are cleansing the cities in eastern Ukraine from militants, the National Guard press service reported on Wednesday.

"As of 0900, the National Guard and the Ukrainian Armed Forces continued cleansing the city of Severodonetsk, Luhansk region. Fighting is now taking place near Lysychansk (near the bridge over the Northern Donets) and the military plan to free Lysychansk, Luhansk region, from terrorist groups in the near future," the report says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215022.html>

Turchynov dissolves Ukrainian Communist Party faction in parliament, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov has announced the dissolution of the Ukrainian Communist Party faction in VR.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_dissolves_ukrainian_communist_party_faction_in_parliament_324248

Ukrainian flags waving in Lysychansk, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Blue-yellow flags are already waving in Lysychansk, a city that the ATO forces have been trying to liberate from the pro-Russian terrorists over the past days, Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Parubiy wrote on his Twitter page: "As far as I know, blue-yellow flags are already waving in the vicinity of Lysychansk".

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_flags_waving_in_lynychansk_324244

UDAR, Svoboda not ready to support government amendments to budget, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The UDAR and Svoboda factions are not fully ready to support amendments to the state budget, proposed by the government and will insist on their amendments.

In particular, the Svoboda faction is not satisfied with the abolishment of benefits for agricultural producers and a two months' reduction of payments for state servants.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/udar_svoboda_not_ready_to_support_government_amendments_to_budget_324270

UDAR, Svoboda, and nine deputies of the Batkivshchyna faction withdraw from coalition, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Factions UDAR, Svoboda have withdrawn from the coalition in the Verkhovna Rada.

Leaders of factions Vitaliy Kovalchuk and Oleh Tiahnybok and MP from the Batkivshchyna faction Mykola Tomenko said.

According to them, in this way, they launched a process of the parliament dissolution and early elections.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/udar_svoboda_withdraw_from_coalition_324273

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna_deputies_also_start_withdrawing_from_coalition_324286

National Guard detains five terrorists, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Servicemen of the National Guard detained a car with five terrorists, including one Russian, who under the guise of medical aid tried to break through in the direction of Marynivka, Donetsk region.

Spokesman of the Information-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko told a briefing, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Servicemen of the National Guard of Ukraine detained a car, in which, under the guise of medical aid, five terrorists tried to break through in the direction of Marynivka, Donetsk region. A Russian Federation citizen was in the car," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_guard_detains_five_terrorists_324299

Rada registers bill setting early parliamentary elections date for September 28, 2014, 24.07.2014

The Verkhovna Rada has registered a bill scheduling the early parliamentary elections on September 28, 2014.

The bill was authored by the Sovereign European Ukraine parliamentary group member Volodymyr Lytvyn, and the group's representatives, Ihor Yermeyev and Yaroslav Moskalenko.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215314.html>

Turchynov asking UDAR, Svoboda to propose candidate for interim premier, 24.07.2014

Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov has called on the UDAR and Svoboda parliamentary factions to propose a candidate for a post of interim prime minister, who will head the government until the parliamentary elections.

"I am officially appealing to the factions who initiated the breakup of the coalition - UDAR and Svoboda - to immediately nominate a candidate for the post of a technical prime minister, who will head the government until the parliamentary elections," Turchynov said at a parliamentary session on Thursday after Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk announced his resignation.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215329.html>

Government forces liberate Lysychansk, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces are finishing the operation to cleanse Lysychansk of terrorists, and the town is now fully controlled by Ukrainian security forces.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies and coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, announced this on his page on Facebook.

"The ATO forces are finishing measures on the cleansing of Lysychansk. The town is completely controlled by Ukrainian security forces," Tymchuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_forces_liberate_lysychansk_324327

Hroisman to temporarily lead Cabinet instead of Yatseniuk, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utility Services Volodymyr Hroisman has been appointed as acting Prime Minister of Ukraine.

The decree was signed by Prime Minister Yatseniuk, the Governmental portal reported.

"In view of the statement of resignation of Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk I order to appoint Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utility Services Volodymyr Hroisman as acting Prime Minister of Ukraine," the document says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hroisman_to_temporarily_lead_cabinet_instead_of_yatseniuk_324347

Ukraine's National TV Council orders providers to take four Russian television channels off the air, 25.07.2014

The Ukrainian National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting has ordered providers to take the Russian television channels RTR-Planeta, NTV-Mir, Rossiya 24, and TV Tsentri-International off the air.

"A decision has been made to recognize that the content of the foreign programming of RTR-Planeta, NTV-Mir, Rossiya 24, and TV Tsentri-International does not meet the requirements of the European Convention on Transfrontier television and art 1 of Article 42 of the Ukrainian law On Television and Radio Broadcasting, notify the providers about that, and order them to bring their activities into compliance with this decision," the press service for the National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting reported on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215538.html>

Criminal case opened under Article 'premeditated murder' due to murder of Kremenchuk mayor Babayev, 26.07.2014

The police has opened a criminal cases under Article "premeditated murder" due to murder of Kremenchuk mayor Oleh Babayev early Saturday morning.

"Criminal case under Article 115 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine ('premeditated murder) has been opened," the press service of the Poltava regional department of the Interior Ministry told Interfax-Ukraine.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215603.html>

Ukrainian army liberates Savur-Mohyla, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General Viktor Muzhenko, has reported to President Petro Poroshenko that the Ukrainian Armed Forces have taken control of Savur-Mohyla in Donetsk region, the press service of the head of state has reported.

Savur-Mohyla is a strategic height on the border of Luhansk, Donetsk regions and the Rostov region of Russia, from which terrorists fired on Ukrainian military and a number of settlements, including Marynivka.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_army_liberates_savur_mohyla_324448

ATO forces take over Debaltseve, Shakhtarsk, Torez, Lutuhyne, fighting for Pervomaisk and Snizhne underway - ATO press center, 28.07.2014

The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have taken control of the town of Debaltseve in Donetsk region and the Savur-Mohyla heights, from which illegal armed groups constantly shelled the positions of Ukrainian law enforcers, the ATO press center reported on Monday.

Ukrainian government troops also entered Shakhtarsk and Torez in Donetsk region and Lutuhyne in Luhansk region. The fighting is currently underway for the complete liberation of Pervomaisk in Luhansk region and Snizhne in Donetsk region.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215712.html>

Poroshenko appoints Tymoshenko's spin doctor as his adviser, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Oleh Medvedev as his freelance adviser.

A decree to that effect, dated July 25, has been posted on the website of the head of state.

As reported, in 2005, Medvedev worked as an adviser and spin doctor of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_appoints_tymoshenkos_spin_doctor_as_his_adviser_324468

Criminal case opened against Yefremov, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Social activists have secured the opening of a criminal case against Party of Regions faction leader Oleksandr Yefremov. Now he faces up to six years in prison for embezzling UAH 100 million in state budget funds, the Center for Combating Corruption has reported.

"Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office has launched criminal proceedings against the head of the Party of Regions faction in the Verkhovna Rada, Oleksandr Yefremov. He is charged with abuse of power and illegal pressure on officials to obtain material gain.

According to Part 2, Article 364 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, he faces from three to six years in prison," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/criminal_case_opened_against_yefremov_324482

US to continue efforts to raise stakes for Russia if it refuses to de-escalate situation in Donbas – Klimkin-Biden meeting, 29.07.2014

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin and U.S. Vice President Joe Biden at a meeting in Washington have discussed the situation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the recovery of Ukraine's national economy and strengthening the country's defense capability.

Klimkin thanked Biden for the United States' consistent and active support and stressed the importance of consolidating efforts of the international community in response to Russian aggression against Ukraine, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's press service reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215883.html>

National Bank introduces cash limits, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) limits the issue of cash for banks through pay offices and ATMs to UAH 150,000 per a client a day from current and deposit accounts.

This is said in the resolution No. 449 of July 28, published on the NBU website, which amends a provision "On regulation of activity of financial institutions and foreign currency operations."

"Banks are obliged to limit the issue of cash in the national currency through pay offices and ATMs up to 150,000 a day for one client," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_bank_introduces_cash_limits_324514

Government approves resolution on committee on imposing sanctions for financing terrorism, 29.07.2014

The cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved a resolution on a committee for imposing sanctions against persons supporting and financing terrorism in Ukraine.

This is stipulated in cabinet resolution No. 278 of July 23, 2014.

The government has also approved the structure of the committee. The foreign minister and justice minister are the co-chairs of the committee.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215899.html>

NSDC: Enforcers liberate Avdiyivka, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The ATO forces carry out an operation on liberation from terrorists of the town of Avdiyivka, Donetsk region.

Spokesman of the Information-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko told a briefing Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Yesterday evening, Ukrainian military came to Avdiyivka, currently, an operation is underway on entering the city and its liberation," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_enforcers_liberate_avdiyivka_324526

Ukrainian president replaces NCCR head, partially reshuffles regulator members, 29.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has dismissed Andriy Semchenko from the post of head of the National Commission for Communications Regulation and IT (NCCR) and appointed Oleksandr Zhyvotovskyy to the post.

The head of state also reshuffled the commission.

Decrees on changes in the structure of the commission Nos. 620-627 were posted on the Web site of the president on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215907.html>

Contact group on Donbas will meet in Minsk tomorrow, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko approached President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko requesting to promote holding of a meeting of the tripartite contact group on settlement of the situation in Donbas in Minsk July 31.

Participating in the meeting, in particular, will be Second President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma, Russian Ambassador to Ukraine Mikhail Zurabov and the OSCE representative, the Presidential Administration informs on its Facebook page.

According to Poroshenko, two issues are proposed to be discussed by the contact group - the release of all hostages captured by the militants, and ensuring the admission for international experts to the crash site of the Malaysian Airlines plane.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/contact_group_on_donbas_will_meet_in_minsk_tomorrow_324545

Poroshenko asks Belarusian president to help arrange trilateral meeting of Donbas contact group in Minsk on July 31, 30.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has called on his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko to help arrange a meeting of a trilateral contact group in Minsk on July 31 to settle the situation in the east of Ukraine.

"Petro Poroshenko has announced his appeal to President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko for assistance in arranging a meeting in Minsk on July 31 of the trilateral contact group on the settlement of the situation in Donbas, including second president of [independent] Ukraine Leonid Kuchma, Russian Ambassador Mikhail Zurabov and an OSCE representative," the presidential press service reported on Tuesday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216031.html>

SBU detains LPR sniper in Kyiv. Video, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has detained in Kyiv a resident of Luhansk region who worked as a sniper for the LPR terrorist organization and participated in the fighting against Ukrainian government forces, the SBU press center has reported.

"Even in the ranks of the Soviet Army citizen H. acquired the military profession of a sniper-shooter. In June and July this year, fulfilling the orders of one of the leaders of LPR terrorists, Bakai, he participated in over a dozen armed clashes of fighters with Ukrainian troops, including near the villages of Rozkishne, Metalist, and the urban village of Stanytsia Luhanska. He also fired from sniper positions at the Ukrainian security forces who liberated the town of Lysychansk. Fearing the offensive of the ATO forces and realizing the inevitability of punishment, the sniper fled to the capital, trying to get lost among other displaced persons from the east," the press center reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_detains_lpr_sniper_in_kyiv_video_324633

Verkhovna Rada does not accept Yatseniuk's resignation, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada at an extraordinary meeting on July 31 did not support the resignation of Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported.

Only 16 MPs voted for Yatseniuk's resignation, with at least 226 votes required. In particular, his resignation was not supported by 109 MPs, two abstained from voting, and 184 MPs did not vote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_does_not_accept_yatseniuks_resignation_324652

Verkhovna Rada allocates UAH 9 billion for army, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. People's deputies supported the draft law at their extraordinary session, which in particular envisages allocation of UAH 9 billion for the army until the end of 2014. Also, people's deputies allocated UAH 2 billion for renewal of the regions in the east of Ukraine.

Batkivshchyna faction leader Serhiy Sobolev told a briefing in the Verkhovna Rada, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_allocates_uah_9_billion_for_army_324660

Rada ratifies agreements on international police mission for Boeing crash inquiry, 31.07.2014

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine at a closed emergency meeting on Thursday ratified the agreements with Australia and the Netherlands on the access of the international police mission to the scene of the Malaysian Boeing 777 crash in Donetsk region and the protection of the crash inquiry, MP Serhiy Labaziuk of the Sovereign European Ukraine group told reporters.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216302.html>

Parliament approves introduction of temporary 1.5% war tax from wages, 31.07.2014

The Ukrainian parliament has supported a proposal of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to introduce a temporary war tax of 1.5% on the wage fund until January 1, 2015, Batkivschyna parliamentary faction leader Serhiy Sobolev said at a briefing on Thursday.

The lawmaker said that the draft law on amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine and some other Ukrainian laws was supported by the lawmakers (306 supporting votes). "The tax that will be paid by all Ukrainian citizens and it totals UAH 15 from UAH 1,000. This is a war tax, but I would call it a tax for restoration of peace in the country," he said. <http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/economic/216317.html>

Yatseniuk: Ukraine will never announce default, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. "I have two pieces of news for you. The first one - Argentina has announced a default. The second news is that Ukraine has not announced a default and will never announce it," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said from the parliament's rostrum on Thursday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_ukraine_will_never_announce_default_324654

Over 58,000 people evacuated from ATO area - Shkiriak, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Over 58,000 civilians have currently been evacuated from the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine.

The Ukrainian interior minister's adviser, Zorian Shkiriak, said this in the Verkhovna Rada on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"I might be mistaken, but according to official information of the coordinating staff, about 58,000 have been transported from Donetsk and Luhansk regions since the beginning of evacuation measures," Shkiriak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_58000_people_evacuated_from_ato_area_shkiriak_324664

MPs given 45 days for campaigning before new elections, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The election campaign for early parliamentary elections in Ukraine this year will be reduced by a quarter - to 45 days.

Such an agreement was reached at a meeting between President Petro Poroshenko, VR Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk and the heads of parliamentary factions and groups, the press service of the parliament reported.

"During the meeting the sides discussed the holding of early parliamentary elections in 2014. In view of the adoption by parliament of the law on amendments to the state budget for the current year, a significant reduction in budget expenditures, the meeting participants agreed on the need to reduce the cost of election procedures and reduce in this respect the period of the election campaign from 60 to 45 days," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps_given_45_days_for_campaigning_before_new_elections_324678

Contact group agrees on ceasefire in area of Boeing crash, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The trilateral contact group for the peaceful settlement of the conflict in eastern Ukraine at a meeting in Minsk on July 31 decided on a ceasefire in the area of the Malaysian Boeing 777 crash.

The head of the state commission investigating the causes of the crash, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman, said this at a briefing on Wednesday.

"It has been decided as part of the contact group that cease of any hostilities at the route by militants will be maintained at the corridor, which was checked today by the OSCE mission jointly with partners from the Netherlands and Australia," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/contact_group_agrees_on_ceasefire_in_area_of_boeing_crash_324680

Terrorism / Separatism

Four killed as shuttle bus comes under fire in Kramatorsk, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Four people were killed and five more injured after a shuttle bus came under gunfire in Kramatorsk early on Tuesday, the Novosti Donbassa online newspaper has reported, with reference to the health care department of the Donetsk Regional State Administration. The regional administration does not yet know the details of the incident. The victims were transported to medical facilities in the town.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_killed_as_shuttle_bus_comes_under_fire_in_kramatorsk_323228

Militants capture journalist Stanko, cameraman in Luhansk, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Hromadske.TV journalist Nastya Stanko and a cameraman have been captured by militants of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, reads a statement posted on the Hromadske.TV website.

The journalists were illegally detained in the Luhansk region during the fulfillment of their professional duties.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_capture_journalist_stanko_cameraman_in_luhansk_323238

Militant camp destroyed near Sloviansk, over 250 killed - media, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. A training camp for militants near Sloviansk has been destroyed with artillery of the 25th separate Dnipropetrovsk Airborne Brigade, and at least 250 militants have been killed, LB.ua has reported, citing an artillery officer.

"Over 250 terrorists have been killed at the scene of the battle, according to intelligence, and two thirds of them were Chechens, and others were of Slavic appearance," the officer said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militant_camp_destroyed_near_sloviansk_over_250_killed_media_323248

National Guard expels militants from village near Sloviansk, 01.07.2014

KYIV, July 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's National Guard has taken control of the village of Zakotne in the Donetsk region.

The head of the National Guard's information security department, Yuriy Stets, was quoted as saying by the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper.

"The National Guard's special operations units, during an operation to neutralize the militants, came and took control of the village of Zakotne, near Sloviansk," Stets said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_guard_expels_militants_from_village_near_sloviansk_323252

TV tower fell near Slaviansk, 01.07.2014

A TV tower, which was under control of Ukrainian soldiers, fell near Slaviansk, in the Donetsk Oblast, on Karachun Mountain.

The construction, a height of which is 222 meters, was destroyed during a firing of terrorists. Nobody got injuries during falling of the tower. The falling moment resembled some kind of a light earthquake.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934535-tv-tower-fell-near-slaviansk.html>

APC with border guards was blown up by mine in Luhansk Oblast, 01.07.2014

The border guards on APC-80 were blown up by a mine in the Luhansk Oblast during investigative- searching measures yesterday.

6 border guards wounded and got injuries, 4 out of them were evacuated to field hospital of the ATO forces, Mass Media Department of the Administration of State Border Service of Ukraine disclosed this to UNIAN.

In a result of inspection of the territory adjoining to blasting of the APC field engineers found and defused 9 anti-tanks mines.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934578-apc-with-border-guards-was-blown-up-by-mine-in-luhansk-oblast.html>

Terrorists storm building of Main Department of Interior Ministry in Donetsk, 1 militia officer dies, 01.07.2014

Terrorists are storming a building of the Main Department of the Interior Ministry of Ukraine in the Donetsk Oblast.

It is said at the web site of the Interior Ministry of Ukraine.

"In Donetsk terrorist groups start storming of the building of the Main Department of Ukraine of the Donetsk Oblast", - it is said in the report.

It is also said that "militia officers headed by general Konstyantyn Pozhydaev barricaded themselves in the building of the department of the Interior Ministry and are holding the line".

"There is one perished militia officer and some injured people, including two severely wounded officers", - the Interior Ministry said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/934689-terrorists-storm-building-of-main-department-of-interior-ministry-in-donetsk-1-militia-officer-dies.html>

Terrorists leave building of Donetsk Oblast State Administration – Speaker of NSDC, 02.07.2014

Terrorists are leaving the building of Donetsk Oblast State Administration seized by them early in April.

"Terrorists start an evacuation process from the building of Donetsk Oblast State Administration. They have a goal to take all saved financial resources and armament out of the city", - Speaker of the Information Center of NSDC Andriy Lysenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935086-terrorists-leave-building-of-donetsk-oblast-state-administration-speaker-of-nsdc.html>

Gunmen kill Ukrainian soldier, damage tank, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces delivered a significant blow to terrorist groups over the last 24 hours, destroying many militants and a large amount of military equipment. However, there are also losses among the security forces, ATO spokesman Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky has said.

"Ukrainian security forces sustained losses. One soldier was killed - he was killed by a sniper of terrorists. Thirteen more Ukrainian soldiers were wounded as a result of massive attacks, including through the use of artillery by terrorists," UNN quoted the spokesman as saying.

The ATO forces also suffered losses in military equipment. Terrorists managed to hit a Ukrainian T-64 tank and a Ural truck and destroyed four D-30 cannons.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunmen_kill_ukrainian_soldier_damage_tank_323258

Terrorists mortar Novoazovsk checkpoint, kill Ukrainian border guard, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. On Tuesday terrorists fired mortars on Novoazovsk checkpoint on the border with Russia, the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) reported.

"During the attack the bandits fired about 20 mortars and, according to preliminary reports, fired from the village of Markino. The checkpoint suspended its work and the border guards prepared to defend," the border authorities said.

The militants also fired a border squad at the checkpoint.

The attackers killed one border guard and wounded eight.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_mortar_novoazovsk_checkpoint_kill_ukrainian_border_guard_323265

Three more settlements freed from militants in Ukraine's east - NSDC, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian army freed from terrorists three settlements - Zakotne, Stary Karavan and Druzhkivka, speaker for the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko told reporters on Wednesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_more_settlements_freed_from_militants_in_ukraines_east_nsd_323283

Terrorists accuse Hromadske TV journalists of espionage, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists from the self-proclaimed "Luhansk People's Republic" (LPR) say they detained Hromadske TV journalists Anastasia Stanko and cameraman Iliia Bezkorovainy as "they were spying for the Ukrainian army", the press office of LPR head Valeriy Bolotov reported.

Stanko in a phone call confirmed that together with cameraman Iliia Bezkorovainy they are in one of the houses in Luhansk. The militants hold them in a basement. The journalist said that they are all right, violence has not been used against them.

According to her, LPR representatives do not exclude the possibility of exchanging them for other prisoners. Furthermore, Stanko said their mobile phones have been taken away from them.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_accuse_hromadske_tv_journalists_of_espionage_323261

Military aircraft fell on mine in Donetsk Oblast – OSA, 02.07.2014

A military aircraft fell on up-cast in the Donetsk Oblast. Military aircraft fell on mine in Donetsk Oblast – OSA/ pr.kharkov.ua A military aircraft fell on up-cast of "Progress" mine ("Torezantrazit" company) in the Donetsk Oblast. There are no victims. The press service of Donetsk Oblast State Administration disclosed this to UNIAN.

"Yesterday a military aircraft fell on up-cast of "Progress" mine ("Torezantrazit" company) in the Donetsk Oblast. The mine is de-energized. There are no victims", - it is said in the report.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935121-military-aircraft-fell-on-mine-in-donetsk-oblast-osa.html>

Militants block traffic in center of Donetsk, preparing for 'operation', 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Gunmen have blocked traffic in the center of Donetsk, the News of Donbass online newspaper has reported.

"The passage of vehicles and the movement of passers-by were stopped on Sadovy Lane toward the Green Plaza shopping mall. A truck and three men with machine guns in camouflage and balaclavas are there," reads the statement.

According to the militants, a certain "operation" will be conducted. Details are unknown.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_block_traffic_in_center_of_donetsk_preparing_for_operation_323308

Su-25 assault aircraft crashes in Dnipropetrovsk, 02.07.2014

KYIV, July 2 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine Air Force Su-25 assault aircraft crashed at Dnipropetrovsk airport while landing on Wednesday, the press service of the Defence Ministry reported.

"The pilot has taken all measures for landing, but as the aircraft lost controllability, he was forced to catapult," the defence agency said.

There are no casualties and destruction of airport facilities.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/su_25_assault_aircraft_crashes_in_dnipropetrovsk_323303

Militants open fire at village of Stanytsia Luhanska, civilian casualties reported – anti-terrorist operation press center, 02.07.2014

Members of illegal armed groups have opened fire at the village of Stanytsia Luhanska, which resulted in civilian casualties, the anti-terrorist operation's press center reported.

"Today, the terrorists deviously opened fire at the residential areas of the village of Stanytsia Luhanska. There are casualties among the civilian population and some civilian structures have been destroyed. What is more, the militants then accused the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine of carrying out an air strike," the report says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211818.html>

Government forces destroy five KamAZ trucks with militants - Tymchuk, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian government forces have destroyed a convoy of vehicles carrying militants in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO).

The coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, reported this on his Facebook page early on Thursday.

"In particular, five KamAZ trucks carrying the militants were destroyed," Tymchuk wrote. According to him, one Ukrainian soldier was killed and 18 more wounded on Wednesday, July 2.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_forces_destroy_five_kamaz_trucks_with_militants_tymchuk_323319

Militants, covering with white flag, attack ATO roadblock, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Militants, covering with a white flag, have attacked a roadblock of the Ukrainian government forces in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), according to the official Facebook page of the ATO press center.

"Terrorists were moving on a civilian vehicle with a white flag. Having approached a roadblock, the militants opened fire with small arms," reads the statement.

According to the report, the terrorists got a rebuff in response - the attackers were destroyed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_covering_with_white_flag_attack_ato_roadblock_323328

300 militants come under fire on border with Russia, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. A group of up to 300 militants was trying to leave Ukraine last night, but Russian border guards opened fire on them with all weapons and forced the terrorists to come back.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/300_militants_come_under_fire_on_border_with_russia_323355

Three traffic police officers shot to death in Donetsk, 03.07.2014

KYIV, July 3 /Ukrinform/. Two unidentified persons in camouflage uniforms opened fire on traffic police officers near the railway station in Donetsk on Thursday morning, the press service of the Donetsk regional police has reported.

"Three police officers died, and one is in a serious condition," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_traffic_police_officers_shot_to_death_in_donetsk_323357

Ukrainian soldiers re-establish control over state border with RF – Tymchuk, 03.07.2014

Ukrainian soldiers re-establish control over the state border with Russia in territories in the Luhansk and Donetsk Oblasts. Head of the "Information Resistance" group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his official Facebook page. "Terrorists dispirited by activation of ATO in Donbass make no resistance in the border districts, where border guards jointly with army subdivisions occupy early left objects on border", - he wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935460-ukrainian-soldiers-re-establish-control-over-state-border-with-rf-tymchuk.html>

Two killed, child wounded in roadside bomb explosion near Kramatorsk - National Guard, 03.07.2014

Two people have been killed and a ten-year-old girl injured after a car hit a roadside bomb near the village of Kryva Luka near Kramatorsk, Donetsk region, on Thursday.

"Having heard an explosion, the Ukrainian troops headed to the scene where they found an injured ten-year-old child. So far it is unclear where the family of the ten-year-old girl was heading to," said a spokesperson for the Ukrainian National Guard.

The girl has been attended to and delivered to the nearest National Guard checkpoint. Afterwards the child was moved to a hospital. Currently, her life is not in danger.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212005.html>

Ukrainian soldiers repulse attack of terrorists on “Marinovka” checkpoint – NSDC, 03.07.2014

According to an UNIAN correspondent, representative of information center of the NSDC Andriy Lysenko said this at press conference. “Terrorists keep on attacking border guards. A firing and an attempt to seize “Marinovka” checkpoint was committed yesterday, an attacked was repulsed”, - he said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935645-ukrainian-soldiers-repulse-attack-of-terrorists-on-marinovka-checkpoint-nsdc.html>

Militants steal UAH 15 mln in Donetsk bank intended as pensions and salaries – Security & Defense Council, 03.07.2014

Illegal armed formations have robbed a branch of PrivatBank in Donetsk and stolen UAH 15 million meant to pay pensions and salaries, spokesman of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Andriy Lysenko said.

According to Lysenko, this money had been transferred by the Ukrainian government to pay pensions and salaries to social sector employees.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211982.html>

Ukraine army claims 150 militants killed near Mykolayivka outside Sloviansk, 04.07.2014

A spokesman for the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine, Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky, has announced that government forces have sealed off the town of Mykolayivka, located outside of Sloviansk in Donetsk region, paving the way for further measures by the National Guard and the Interior Ministry.

"The adversary has suffered serious losses - at least 150 militants have been eliminated, six checkpoints and an ammunition depot in Mykolayivka and Semenivka have been destroyed," Dmytrashkivsky told Interfax-Ukraine on Thursday evening.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212050.html>

Two civilians killed, eight injured in Luhansk over past 24 hours - city authorities, 04.07.2014

Two civilians have been killed and another eight have been injured as a result of armed clashes in Luhansk over the past 24 hours, the press service of the Luhansk city administration reported on Friday, citing the local emergencies department.

A woman was killed and one more person was injured when a shell hit a residential building on Menzhynsky Street in Luhansk on July 3. A man died from a gunshot wound in the city as well.

Shells also damaged apartment buildings on Babushkin, Nesterov and Zemnukhov Streets, injuring seven people, who were subsequently admitted to the Luhansk Regional Hospital and the city's clinics No. 1 and 8.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212079.html>

Terrorists tried to shot down Ukrainian planes, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Reports of an attack aircraft of Ukrainian government forces allegedly shot down by terrorists are untrue, the spokesman for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky, has said.

"Two MANPADS missiles were launched against Su-25 and An-26 planes. In the first case, the Su-25 escaped the missile, while in the second case there was a self-destruction of the charge. All aircraft landed without damage in their designated areas," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_tried_to_shot_down_ukrainian_planes_323369

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212081.html>

Terrorists attack ATO forces with tanks, Grad multiple rocket launchers, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. Last night militants attacked roadblocks of the Ukrainian security forces using tanks and Grad multiple rocket launchers, Director of the Center for Military-Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"Last night, terrorists attacked the ATO forces: they shelled a roadblock of the ATO forces in Luhansk region using the BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher. Ukrainian servicemen were not injured. 2 terrorist tanks fired an ATO roadblock in Donetsk region, damaging 2 armored vehicles, information on the losses of the personnel is being specified," Tymchuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_attack_ato_forces_with_tanks_grad_multiple_rocket_launchers_323372

One injured in blast at military enlistment office in Odesa, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. An explosion has ripped through a military registration and enlistment office in Odesa, the press office of the State Service on Emergency Situations has reported.

"An explosion ripped through a three-storey building that houses a road maintenance department and the Suvorivsky district military registration and enlistment office in the Suvorkivsky district of Odesa at 03.33 on July 4. One person was injured in the blast and hospitalized. The blast partially damaged the foundation of the building," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_injured_in_blast_at_military_enlistment_office_in_odesa_323374

Bolotov dismisses terrorist 'government', 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The leader of Luhansk militants, Valeriy Bolotov, has dismissed the "government of the Luhansk People's Republic," reads a statement posted on the website of the terrorist organization.

"In connection with the enactment of the law on the system of the executive branch of power in the Luhansk People Republic and the termination of the law on the Cabinet of Ministers of the Luhansk People's Republic, I have ordered the dismissal of the government of the Luhansk People's Republic," reads the order.

At the same time, Bolotov appointed the "acting LPR prime minister" and his "deputies."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bolotov_dismisses_terrorist_government_323389

Nine Ukrainian servicemen killed on Friday, 04.07.2014

KYIV, July 4 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have lost nine Ukrainian servicemen as of 14.00 on Friday, and 13 more have been wounded, the ATO press center has reported on its Facebook page.

As reported, 197 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed since the beginning of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nine_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_on_friday_323403

Armed people seize office at regional archive building in Donetsk - authorities, 04.07.2014

Armed persons entered one of the offices of the Donetsk region's archives, located on Cheliuskintsev Street in Donetsk, at around noon on Friday, the Donetsk regional administration said in a press release.

These people have demanded that archive employees hand all documents kept in this part of the archive and the keys to its offices over to them, it said.

"Six female employees remain in the archive building at the moment. This part of the archive stores documents linked with industrial enterprises of the region, as well as salaries paid to people in this region at different times," according to the press release.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212129.html>

Nine servicemen die, 13 wounded in southeastern Ukraine on Friday, 04.07.2014

The losses of the Ukrainian law enforcers authorities amount to nine dead and 13 wounded throughout the day, the press office of the forceful operation in southeastern Ukraine posted a statement on Facebook on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212186.html>

Militants, criminals heading for Donetsk, Tymchuk says, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists who fled from Sloviansk to Kramatorsk together with local criminals are preparing to further breakthrough to Donetsk, head of the Center for Military-Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"To leave the town the militants are massively "expropriating" cars from the locals. The total number of the group, which is preparing for a breakthrough, is more than 1,000 militants," Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_criminals_heading_for_donetsk_tymchuk_says_323422

Terrorists attack border checkpoint on Azov Sea coast, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. Last night terrorists attacked a technical surveillance border checkpoint in Novoazovsk district, Donetsk region. During an hour they fired at border guards with mortars and small arms, the State Border Guard Service said in a statement on Saturday.

"On July 5, 01.20 to 02.15 terrorists fired at a technical surveillance border checkpoint on the coast of the Azov Sea. Around 15 terrorists used mortars and small arms," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_attack_border_checkpoint_on_azov_sea_coast_323426

Militants' convoy enters Donetsk, witnesses say, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. An advanced column of terrorists entered Donetsk with several KamAZ trucks and one armored combat vehicle, locals residing in Kyiv district of Donetsk said, according to the website 62.ua.

"Citizens believe this is the armed rebels who flee Sloviansk where the Ukrainian flag was raised today," the report reads.

Chief of the General Staff of Ukraine Viktor Muzhenko reported to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko that last night militants attempted to break away from Sloviansk after they came under mortar fire from the Ukrainian military. As a result, 1 militants' tank, 2 infantry combat vehicles and 2 airborne combat vehicles were destroyed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_convoy_enters_donetsk_witnesses_say_323432

New round of consultations with Kyiv possible via mediators – DPR, 05.07.2014

A new round of consultations between the Kyiv authorities and their armed opponents in southeastern Ukraine is possible, despite the recent escalation of hostilities in Donbas, but these consultations can be held only through mediators, Andrei Purgin, the first vice prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), told.

"Despite a new cycle of confrontation and the militia's withdrawal from Sloviansk, consultations on settling the situation in eastern Ukraine are possible," Purgin said, adding that such consultations are possible only through mediators, i.e. Russia, OSCE.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212246.html>

Refugees shot down by militants near Sloviansk, media reports say, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists attacked the Yunist recreation center in the village of Shchurov not far from Sloviansk with several families of refugees. There are victims among them, the Novosti Donbassa online edition reported Saturday.

A reminder that terrorists left Sloviansk as a result of a massive offensive operation by the Ukrainian army as part of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO).

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/refugees_shot_down_by_militants_near_sloviansk_media_reports_say_323430

Ukrainian border guards come under mortar fire at Dovzhansky checkpoint, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists made a number of attacks on the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces last night, the head of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, has reported on his page on Facebook.

"Automatic fire was opened on roadblocks of the anti-terrorist operation forces near the settlements of Amvrosiyivka [in the Donetsk region] and Rubizhne [in the Luhansk region]. There are no casualties among the security forces," he wrote.

According to the group, "a stronghold of the ATO forces was also shelled near the Dovzhansky border checkpoint [in the Luhansk region]."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_border_guards_come_under_mortar_fire_at_dovzhansky_checkpoint_323438

<http://www.unian.info/politics/936659-pro-russian-fighters-attack-several-times-positions-of-ato-forces-in-east-of-ukraine-last-night-1-military-man-wounded-tymchuk.html>

ATO forces liberate Artemivsk, Druzhkivka, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops liberated from insurgents two more settlements - Artemivsk and Druzhkivka, the press office of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) said in a statement on Monday.

Engineers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces are working on demining objects (roads, bridges, buildings).

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_liberate_artemivsk_druzhkivka_323449

4 people wounded in night shootout at Maidan, 07.07.2014

As a result of a shootout at Maidan Nezhelezhnosti 4 people got injuries tonight, on July 7. 4 people wounded in night shootout at Maidan / Photo: UNIAN According to TSN, Shevchenkivskyi district militia department of Kyiv confirms that there was a skirmish among activists. Medics said that that a man with gunshot wound was taken to them. Later they received 3 similar reports. Militia established that injuries were traumatic. "Militia did not get any claims from injured people", - said the district militia department.

"An armed provocation was staged in the third barricaded area overnight. The attackers were wearing balaclava hats. Maidan hundreds were alerted and drove away the assailants," the Central Council of Maidan Hundreds reported on Facebook on Monday.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/936670-4-people-wounded-in-night-shootout-at-maidan.html>

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212286.html>

Combat engineers of Armed Forces remove mines in ATO area, 07.07.2014

Ukrainian troops released more two settlements Artemovsk and Druzhkovka from fighters. REUTERS It is said in the report of the press center of the ATO. According to the report, fighters fired at positions of ATO forces at night. They carried out a firing of the roadblock in a region of Amvrosievka settlement in direction of Leninskyi.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/936684-combat-engineers-of-armed-forces-remove-mines-in-ato-area.html>

Six hostages released in Sloviansk, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. The hostages who were released after Ukrainian government forces took control of Sloviansk have become known.

According to the Svobodny Donbass (Free Donbas) group on Facebook, these are Kyiv student Ihor Opria, art manager Denys Hryshchuk, director of Kyiv's Suzirya Theater, Pavlo Yurov, journalist Irma Krat, and two drivers who were delivering humanitarian aid to the town.

The fate of other hostages from Sloviansk remains unknown, LB.ua reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_hostages_released_in_sloviansk_323452

Militants, mercenaries in panic as they escape, surrender, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Successful actions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces to liberate from terrorists the settlements in Donbas sowed panic among the militants who escape, surrender or take the side of the ATO troops, the Defence Ministry's press office reported on Monday.

"As a result of active actions of the ATO forces, militants and mercenaries are in a panic as they surrender, take the side of the Ukrainian law enforcers or attempt escapes from the ATO area," a statement reads.

At the same time, the defence agency noted that over the past day illegal armed groups ten times fired at the positions and checkpoints of the Armed Forces of Ukraine units. The terrorists got a rebuff in response.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_mercenaries_in_panic_as_they_escape_surrender_323463

Russia deploys ten helicopters near Kharkiv region - border guards, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Ten helicopters have currently been deployed in a Russian settlement located in front of the Kharkiv region.

First Deputy Chairman of the State Border Service of Ukraine Pavlo Shysholin said this at a press conference at Ukrinform on Monday.

"Russia is continuing to accumulate military hardware on its territory - tanks, armored personnel carriers, armored vehicles. For example, there are currently ten helicopters in a Russian settlement located in front of the Kharkiv region, and a new battalion tactical group appeared in the area of Millerovo in the Rostov region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_deploys_ten_helicopters_near_kharkiv_region_border_guards_323468

Terrorists shelling Luhansk with Grad multiple rocket launchers, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have resumed the shelling of Luhansk with Grad multiple rocket launchers, the Novosti Donbassa online newspaper has reported.

Some powerful shots were heard at about 13.30 in four districts in the city. Then sporadic shots and explosions were heard after a short pause.

Witnesses believe that the terrorists were shelling at the bus station and the airport. Streets in the city are practically empty.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shelling_luhansk_with_grad_multiple_rocket_launchers_323479

Provocation: Terrorists have raised Ukraine's flag, shelling residential neighborhoods, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. Luhansk terrorists are using the symbols of the Ukrainian Armed Forces during the shelling of residential neighborhoods, deliberately discrediting the Ukrainian army.

The press officer of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) headquarters, Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky, said this during a Skype conference at Ukrinform on Monday.

"The terrorists in Luhansk are using the symbols of the Ukrainian army - the flags of the Airborne Troops and Ukraine - to discredit the Ukrainian army and show the residents of Luhansk that there are being attacked by the Ukrainian army," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/provocation_terrorists_have_raised_ukraines_flag_shelling_residential_neighborhoods_323483

ATO forces take control of one more settlement, Tymchuk says, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces took full control of the village of Semenivka in Donetsk region, coordinator of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"Full control of the village of Semenivka. The units of the ATO forces took filtration measures in this village," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_take_control_of_one_more_settlement_tymchuk_says_323488

Share taxi shelled in Luhansk, 2 killed, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. A share taxi has been hit by a shell in Luhansk Tuesday morning, thereby killing two passengers, the local authorities reported.

"Two people have been killed and four wounded today, July 8, at 07.50 after shell fragments hit a share taxi No.132 in the Proletariat of Donbas quarter. The injured have been taken to hospitals," officials said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/share_taxi_shelled_in_luhansk_2_killed_323492

Kostiantynivka under full control by ATO forces, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian army liberated from terrorists the town of Kostiantynivka in Donetsk region, coordinator of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"As a result of a carefully planned and effectively carried out operation the ATO forces liberated Kostiantynivka (Donetsk region). The town is under the full control by the security forces," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kostiantynivka_under_full_control_by_ato_forces_323500

Militants switch off Luhansk regional television, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. Militants of the so-called "Luhansk People's Republic" (LPR) stopped broadcasting of Luhansk Regional State Television and Radio Company, and all the employees were forced to leave their jobs, a source told the Ostrov edition. According to him, the terrorists explained that the building of the TV and radio company is a "strategically important object" and it was done "for the safety of the staff."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_switch_off_luhansk_regional_television_323504

Militants kill ATB guard as they refused to pay, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. In Alchevsk, Luhansk region, pro-Russian militants shot down a guard at the ATB store, according to the Tsenzor.NET online

Witnesses said the militants refused to pay for products and after the guard tried to stop them they killed him.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_kill_atb_guard_as_they_refused_to_pay_video_18_323545

"Strelok": Everything is bad for us, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Donetsk terrorists are not ready to confront the Ukrainian army, moreover they have logistics and supply support troubles, Commander of the militia in the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) Igor Girkin ("Strelok") said in an interview with Donetsk television, according to the 62.ua online edition.

He said the city now is on a "peacetime posture" and its state can be compared with the preparations for the defence of Sloviansk two months ago. He also admitted that at this stage the defence of Donetsk is associated with large number of casualties among the militias.

"We take daily steps to ensure that the city be ready for defence in terms of fortification," Girkin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/strelok_everything_is_bad_for_us_323547

Terrorists fire from mortars at airport and dwelling houses in Luhansk, 09.07.2014

In Luhansk fired from mortars at airport, a nine-storey building and private dwelling houses. Terrorists fire from mortars at airport and dwelling houses in Luhansk/

REUTERS According to an UNIAN correspondent, spokesman for Information center of the NSDC Andriy Lysenko said this at press conference in Kyiv. "In the Luhansk Oblast fighters spread fake leaflets among local residents, in leaflets they accuse Armed Forces of Ukraine of bombing settlements", - he noted.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/937737-terrorists-fire-from-mortars-at-airport-and-dwelling-houses-in-luhansk.html>

Terrorists change clothes, shell cities with Grad multiple rocket launchers, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists in Donbas are reinforcing roadblocks and mounting Grad multiple rocket launchers near settlements, while militants are posing as representatives of the National Guard of Ukraine (NGU), the NGU press office said in a statement on Wednesday .

"National Guard units do not have Grad multiple rocket launchers and their daily activities are guided by the laws of Ukraine and they do not use weapons against civilians," reads the official statement by the NGU command.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_change_clothes_shell_cities_with_grad_multiple_rocket_launchers_323549

Fighters blast railroad over-crossing in Donetsk Oblast, 09.07.2014

Fighters blasted a railroad over-crossing on a highway Kyiv-Kharkiv-Dolzhanskyi near Rota village (Artemovskiy district, Donetsk Oblast), the press service of the State Agency of Highways of Ukraine ("Ukravtodor") disclosed this to UNIAN.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/937647-fighters-blast-railroad-over-crossing-in-donetsk-oblast.html>

Two militants' Grad rocket launchers destroyed by ATO forces, 09. 07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Near the village of Dmytrivka on July 9 the Ukrainian military destroyed two Grad multiple rocket launchers, belonging to militants, spokesman for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) Vladyslav Selezniiov wrote on his Facebook page on Wednesday.

"At 11.55 near the village of Dmytrivka the compounded battery of 2S3 [152.4 mm self-propelled artillery system "Akatsiya" - ed.] of a mechanized brigade made an aimed artillery strike on particular rebel positions. As a result of the effective action two BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers of the militants were destroyed," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_militants_grad_rocket_launchers_destroyed_by_ato_forces_323559

Five roadblocks come under gunfire, security forces ambushed, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Five roadblocks of the Ukrainian security forces were put under gunfire and a convoy of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces was ambushed by militants in eastern Ukraine overnight.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his Facebook page.

"A convoy of the ATO forces was ambushed. One serviceman died, and three more were wounded. Last night the militants shelled five roadblocks of the ATO forces in different parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. One serviceman sustained injuries," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/five_roadblocks_come_under_gunfire_security_forces_ambushed_323570

Two soldiers killed, 11 injured in landmine blasts, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian servicemen were killed and 11 more injured in the Donetsk region after a BTR-80 armored personnel carrier and a BMP-2 infantry combat vehicle were blown up by landmines.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his Facebook page.

"A BTR-80 of the ATO forces was blown up by a landmine near the town of Chervona Zoria. Five servicemen were injured. Another landmine blasted a BMP-2 infantry combat vehicle in the same area. The explosion triggered detonation of the vehicle's weapons. Two servicemen died and six were injured," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_soldiers_killed_11_injured_in_landmine_blasts_323572

3 military men died and 27 – got injuries for 24 hours in ATO area, 10.07.2014

3 military men died and 27 soldiers got injuries for 24 hours in ATO area. 3 military men died and 27 – got injuries for 24 hours in ATO area/Photo: Defense Ministry In is said in the report of the press center of ATO. During the time of hostilities the losses make up 615 military men. 173 out of them perished, 446 out of them wounded.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938025-3-military-men-died-and-27-got-injuries-for-24-hours-in-ato-area.html>

National Guard finishes mine lifting at territory between Izyum and Slavyansk, 10.07.2014

The National Guard finished a mine lifting operation at territory between Izyum and Slavyansk (the Donetsk Oblast). National Guard finishes mine lifting at territory between Izyum and Slavyansk / press center of ATO The press service of the National Guard reports this. According to data of the press service, a work on resuming of normal life activity and infrastructure continues. At the same time, special operation on finding and detaining of people involved in criminal and terrorist activity continues in Mariupol.

Representatives of following law-enforcement bodies take part in special operation: the SBU, Interior Ministry and the National Guard of Ukraine.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938048-national-guard-finishes-mine-lifting-at-territory-between-izyum-and-slavyansk.html>

Active phase of ATO continues in region of Seversk, fighters leave city, 10.07.2014

An active phase of ATO continues in region of Seversk, fighters leave the city Active phase of ATO continues in region of Seversk, fighters leave city / Reuters Spokesman for Antiterrorist operation (ATO) Vladyslav Seleznev said this on his Facebook page. Seleznev informs that solders carried out a range of measures in creation of network of roadblocks that allowed encircling forces of enemy, restricting fighters in offering resistance.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938233-active-phase-of-ato-continues-in-region-of-seversk-fighters-leave-city.html>

Ukrainian government forces destroy another Grad rocket launcher, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have managed to destroy a Grad multiple rocket launcher that was used by terrorists in Luhansk, ATO spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov has said.

"The forces of the airborne unit stationed in the Luhansk airport have conducted an operation to destroy a group of militants outside Luhansk. A BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher has been destroyed during the successful operation. Ukrainian paratroopers are continuing the operation," he wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_government_forces_destroy_another_grad_rocket_launcher_323607

Fighting underway near Donetsk airport, residents asked not to approach windows, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. The fighting is underway near the airport in Donetsk. Local residents are asked to sit at home and not to approach the windows, the press service of the Donetsk City Council has reported.

"The fighting was underway near the airport in Donetsk as of 14.45. This was reported by eyewitnesses. We ask residents of the villages of Zhovtnevy ... as well as residential districts near the train station and the Putylivsky motorway not to approach the windows, not to go to the balconies, to refrain from leaving apartments and houses, and car owners should maximally limit their stay in the specified area and adjust travel routes beforehand," the city council reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fighting_underway_near_donetsk_airport_residents_asked_not_to_approach_windows_323604

Cargill Says Plant Under Armed Occupation in Ukraine, 10.07.2014

Cargill Inc. suspended operations at a sunflower-oil plant in the Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine, where the government is battling pro-Russian separatists, and said the facility has been occupied by armed individuals.

The plant was shut July 4 because of an "escalation of tension in the region," Anastasia Dudley, a spokeswoman for Minneapolis-based Cargill, said yesterday in an e-mail.

"The plant has subsequently been occupied by a small number of armed individuals whose intentions are not clear to us," Dudley said.

There are no company employees currently at the site and it's unclear when it will restart, she said.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-10/cargill-suspends-ukraine-processing-plant-after-armed-occupation.html>

Three servicemen killed, 12 injured in ATO zone over last 24 hours, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Three servicemen have been killed and 12 wounded in the zone of ATO over the past 24 hours, the ATO press center has reported.

At about midnight a mortar attack was committed near the village of Stara Krasnianka. There are no losses.

"At about 02.00 due to mortar shelling in the area of the Dyakovo border post seven servicemen were wounded, two of them seriously," reads the statement.

On July 10, Donetsk Airport came under fire with mortars, ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns and small arms - there are no losses.

The Dovzhansky checkpoint came under mortar fire in the period from 03.00 to 03.45. There are no losses.

The village of Marynivka from the direction of Savur Mohyly came under mortar fire.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_servicemen_killed_12_injured_in_ato_zone_over_last_24_hours_323630

ATO forces eliminate more than 50 terrorists during 24 hours in Luhansk Oblast – Seleznev, 11.07.2014

Ukrainian soldiers eliminated more than 50 fighters in region of Izvarino settlement in the Luhansk Oblast during 24 hours. Representative of ATO Vladyslav Seleznev wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938564-ato-forces-eliminate-more-than-50-terrorists-during-24-hours-in-luhansk-oblast-seleznev.html>

Four miners killed, 16 injured after artillery shell hits bus in Chervonopartyzansk - DTEK, 11.07.2014

Four miners have been killed and 16 more injured after an artillery shell hit a bus carrying miners of DTEK's Chervonopartyzansk mine administration, DTEK Director General Maksym Tymchenko has said.

"Four have been killed, 16 wounded, and two seriously injured miners are in intensive care," he said at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday.

He also said that DTEK had decided to suspend the operation of four mines in the Luhansk region for safety to life and health of employees. Tymchenko noted that about 4,500 people worked at these mines.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213108.html>

Terrorists seize State Treasury office in Luhansk region, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have seized the main office of the State Treasury Service in the Luhansk region.

According to the office's press service, employees remained in the building.

"Today, at 15.10, terrorists, using weapons, seized the main office of the State Treasury Service of Ukraine in the Luhansk region, together with employees," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_seize_state_treasury_office_in_luhansk_region_323662

6 tanks, 6 APCs, 2 “Grad” and 8 KAMAZs with fighters drive into Luhansk today – eyewitnesses, 11.07.2014

6 tanks, 6 APCs, 2 “Grad” and 8 KAMAZs with fighters from side of Sukhodolsk crossed the Ukrainian-Russian border and drove into Luhansk today. REUTERS Head of non-governmental organization – “Prava sprava” Civil initiative Dmytro Snegiryov said this to an UNIAN correspondent. He assured that members of his organization report this information directly from events place, and also local residents, who are eyewitnesses of the situation. According to his words, “today at 6.40 am and 7.20 am 6 tanks, 6 APCs, 2 “Grad” and 8 KAMAZs with fighters drove into Luhansk from side of Russia through Sukhodolsk”.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938611-6-tanks-6-apcs-2-grad-and-8-kamazs-with-fighters-drive-into-luhansk-today-eyewitnesses.html>

ATO forces seize large amount of terrorists' weapons in Donbas, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. During the liberation of Donbas the Ukrainian military seized and confiscated large amounts of terrorists' weapons, the Defence Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

"During the liberation of the cities of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk, Artemivsk and other settlements the ATO forces seized and confiscated from hidden stores large amounts of captured weapons and military equipment, arms and ammunition of the militant terrorist gangs," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_seize_large_amount_of_terrorists_weapons_in_donbas_323640

ATO air strikes destroy part of terrorists' armored vehicles in Perevalsk, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) aircraft made two air strikes on the militants' armored vehicles near Perevalsk in Luhansk region, ATO spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov wrote on his Facebook page on Friday.

"Today, performing a specific task within the anti-terrorist operation, the ATO forces aviation made two air strikes on the armored and motor vehicles of militants, located in the open pit nearby the settlement of Perevalsk," the message reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_air_strikes_destroy_part_of_terrorists_armored_vehicles_in_perevalsk_323652

Up to 20 tanks, APCs enter Ukraine from Russia last night, witnesses say, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Eyewitnesses claim that in the early hours of 10 July 11, about 20 units of heavy armored vehicles entered Ukraine from Russia, according to Luhansk's informant.lg.ua. online edition

"A column with towing vehicles, trucks and APCs came from Krasnodon district and went to Luhansk. According to the locals, the trucks came with their lights on. They even managed to see the number on one of the trucks - "21 region of the Russian Federation" (Chuvashia)," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/up_to_20_tanks_apcs_enter_ukraine_from_russia_last_night_witnesses_say_323644

Fighters blow up railway bridge in Donetsk Oblast – NSDC, 11.07.2014

Terrorists blew up a railway bridge between stations Nikotovka-Dileevka of Donetsk Railway road at area of Horlovka-Dzerzhinsk at 19.50 pm, on July 10. Fighters blow up railway bridge in Donetsk Oblast – NSDC According to an UNIAN correspondent, Spokesman for Information Center of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko said this at press conference in Kyiv today. According to his words, people did not get injuries, train traffic is suspended, repair works are carried out.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938691-fighters-blow-up-railway-bridge-in-donetsk-oblast-nsdc.html>

ATO forces eliminate up to 100 militants over last 24 hours, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have destroyed a number of terrorist bases and eliminated about a hundred militants over the last 24 hours, the ATO press center has reported.

"As a result of air strikes and artillery fire, up to 100 militants and their bases were destroyed in Rovenky, Izvaryne and the village of Novosvitlivka near Luhansk, firing points in the vicinity of Savur-Mohyla, and at the waste heaps of Mine No. 71 (Rovenky)," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_eliminate_up_to_100_militants_over_last_24_hours_323654

Woman killed in Luhansk artillery attack after stepping out on balcony, 11.07.2014

One woman has been killed and five local residents injured in artillery fire in Luhansk over the past 24 hours, the city council said.

The 48-year-old woman was killed on the balcony of her own apartment, the city council said.

A number of residential houses were damaged, as was the building of the Kamianobridsky district council near which armed clashes occurred with fighters using artillery and small-arms weapons.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213133.html>

Grad launchers again firing from Russian border, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. Units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the State Border Service came under artillery fire with BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers from the Russian border at 00.28 on Saturday, July 12, the press office of the State Border Service of Ukraine has reported.

"On July 12, at 00.28, units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the State Border Service came under artillery shelling with BM-21 multiple rocket launchers that were used from the direction of the border of the Russian Federation," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/grad_launchers_again_firing_from_russian_border_323668

Ukrainian aircraft eliminated nearly 1,000 terrorists on July 11 - Seleznirov, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. On Friday, July 11, Ukrainian Armed Forces aircraft launched five air strikes against the strongholds of illegal armed groups, mortar and firing positions, bases and camps of militants and eliminated more than 1,000 terrorists, anti-terrorist operation (ATO) spokesman Vladyslav Seleznirov has reported on his Facebook page.

"Due to the rapid and coordinated work of air reconnaissance, intelligence groups, with the support of the local population that actively helps detect massive groups of terrorists, the ATO forces were informed about the bases and locations of militants," he said. Seleznirov said that militants had sustained significant losses.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_aircraft_eliminated_nearly_1000_terrorists_on_july_11_seleznirov_323670

Terrorists trying to transfer about 150 orphans from Donetsk region to Russia, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists, led by the so-called "deputy minister of social policy of the Donetsk People's Republic," are trying to forcibly transfer to Russia orphans from orphanages in Donetsk and Maryinka, the Donetsk region, the OstroV online newspaper reported on Saturday.

"There are no legal documents for the transfer abroad of children from Maryinka and Donetsk, therefore crossing the border will be illegal. Kids do not want to leave anywhere," graduates of the Maryinka orphanage told reporters.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_trying_to_transfer_about_150_orphans_from_donetsk_region_to_russia_323680

Militants break into Ukraine on tanks, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. A large convoy of armored vehicles carrying armed militants has broken into Ukraine through the border in the Luhansk region, the head of the Right Cause public organization, Dmytro Snehiriov, has told a Ukrinform correspondent by phone.

"A convoy of armored vehicles has just passed through the village of Velyky Sukhodil [Krasnodon district]. Russian tanks of the latest modification carrying Russian flags are moving ahead... Militants left Sverdlovsk. Perhaps a counterattack is being prepared either near Izvaryne or Chervonopartyzansk," Snehiriov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_break_into_ukraine_on_tanks_323686

ATO forces unblock Luhansk airport, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian servicemen have unblocked the Luhansk airport and freed it from terrorists, the press service of the Ukrainian president has told the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper.

"President Petro Poroshenko has been informed from the ATO [anti-terrorist operation] headquarters that Ukrainian military reached the Luhansk airport with fighting and it has in fact been unblocked," the press service reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_unblock_luhansk_airport_323688

ATO forces destroy militants' column near Zelenopillia, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces destroyed a column of terrorists and two trucks with weapons near Zelenopillia in Luhansk region, head of the Center for Military-Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"Near the settlement of Zelenopillia, the ATO forces destroyed a column of terrorists. In addition to manpower, two trucks with weapons were destroyed. No victims among the ATO soldiers," Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_destroy_militants_column_near_zelenopillia_323690

ATO forces eliminate two cars with fighters in Luhansk Oblast at night, 14.07.2014

Losses are being specified. REUTERS Terrorists fired at roadblock in the Luhansk Oblast at night and ATO soldiers eliminated two cars with fighters in region of Zelenoploje. Press center of the ATO reports this on its Facebook page. "At 23.00 – 0.15 there was an attempt to break through the roadblock in region of Zelenoploje. During the combat two cars with fighters were eliminated. Losses among terrorists are being specified. There are no losses among personnel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine", - it is noted in the report. Terrorists also fired at the roadblock in region of Staraja Krasnyanka settlement (0:23-0:30). ATO soldiers opened fire in response. There are no losses among the Ukrainian soldiers.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/939261-ato-forces-eliminate-two-cars-with-fighters-in-luhansk-oblast-at-night.html>

Four Ukrainian enforcers released from captivity, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Four Ukrainian servicemen were released from captivity in Luhansk region, whom the fighters kept since June 17.

MP of the UDAR party Valeriy Patskan says, the party press service informs.

"Today, servicemen were released such as Mykola Kopchansky, Anton Shymko and Viacheslav Ponomariov from the military unit 1778 in the city of Uzhhorod, and Yaroslav Hryhoriev from the military unit 2588 in Chernivtsi. Soldiers got to the terrorists' captivity following their armored vehicle was shelled near the city of Shchastia in Luhansk region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_ukrainian_enforcers_released_from_captivity_323696

Russia moves to full invasion of Donbas - Tymchuk, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Russia has moved to a full military invasion: heavy weapons, switched by terrorists across the border in eastern Ukraine, are manned by full-time crews.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"The distinguishing feature of the current supply of weapons to terrorists is that a substantial part is manned by regular crews and combat crews of the number of Russian troops," Tymchuk said.

"So, we are talking about full Russian military invasion of Donbas," the expert said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_moves_to_full_invasion_of_donbas_tymchuk_323707

Kyiv says another two bridges blown up in Donetsk region, 14.07.2014

Illegal armed units have destroyed another two bridges in the Donetsk region, spokesman for the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's information and analytical center Andriy Lysenko said at a press briefing on Monday.

He said the bridges were blown up near the town of Zurhes and in the settlement of Marianivka. In addition, all the bridges in Khartsyzsk, Donetsk region, were mined and prepared for being blasted. "So, we tell local residents please be advised about the explosion threat and request them to find bypasses wherever that is possible," he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213443.html>

ATO: Contact lost with An-26 plane in Luhansk region, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have lost contact with an An-26 military transport aircraft of the Ukrainian Air Force during the performance of tasks in Luhansk region, ATO spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov has told a Ukrinform reporter.

"Today, at 12.30, contact was lost with an An-26 military transport aircraft of the Ukrainian Air Force," he said.

According to Selezniiov, the causes of the lost contact are being established.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_contact_lost_with_an_26_plane_in_luhansk_region_323727

Ukrainian plane shot down in Luhansk region, missile probably launched from Russia, pilot baled out, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Defense Ministry has confirmed reports of a Ukrainian An-26 plane downed in Luhansk region, and suspects that a missile could probably be launched from Russian territory, the press service of the Ukrainian president has reported.

"Defense Minister Valeriy Heletei reported to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko that the crew of the An-26, which carried out tasks as part of ensuring the active phase of the ATO (anti-terrorist operation) and was shot down, has got in contact with the General Staff," the press service said.

It noted that due to the fact that the aircraft was at an altitude of 6,500 meters, it was impossible to hit it with man-portable air defense systems. "The plane was hit by another, more powerful missile that was probably used from the territory of the Russian Federation," the press service said.

Head of non-governmental organization – "Prava sprava" Civil initiative Dmytro Snegiryov said that pilot baled out and was taken as prisoner and terrorists take him to Sukhodolsk city, where the HQ of terrorists is situated".

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_plane_shot_down_in_luhansk_region_missile_probably_launched_from_russia_323743

<http://www.unian.info/politics/939454-fighters-shot-down-ukrainian-aircraft-in-luhansk-oblast-pilot-baled-out-eyewitnesses.html>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/939510-terrorists-take-pilot-of-shot-down-ukrainian-plane-as-prisoner.html>

Militants forcibly removing children of Mariinka boarding school to Russia, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Armed militants of the "Donetsk People's Republic" (DPR) are removing children from the Mariinka boarding school in Donetsk region to Russia. Acting head of the information policy and press department of the Donetsk governor Olena Maliutina wrote on her Facebook page.

"Right now, despite promises, armed "DPR" members remove children from the Mariinka boarding school by the Gazel automobiles to Russia. The "DPR" has neither permit for removal of children, moreover, nor the children's consent," she wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_forcibly_removing_children_of_mariinka_boarding_school_to_russia_323739

Terrorists abduct wounded soldiers from hospital, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) abducted two wounded Ukrainian soldiers from the regional hospital's burn center, the OstroV online edition reported citing a source with the hospital.

"Two soldiers wounded during the fighting at the Donetsk airport on July 12 were abducted and taken to an undisclosed location by DNR representatives from the regional hospital's burn center," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_abduct_wounded_soldiers_from_hospital_323741

Seven ATO soldiers stay at resuscitation department of Dnipropetrovsk hospital, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Now, there are seven wounded soldiers, delivered from the ATO zone to the Dnipropetrovsk regional clinical hospital.

Chief Doctor of the hospital Serhiy Ryzhenko told a press conference.

Overall, 27 seriously wounded soldiers were brought over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Following the surgical intervention, the soldiers were transferred to other medical establishments of the city. Mostly, these are military hospitals. For obvious reasons, the soldiers' location is not disclosed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seven_ato_soldiers_stay_at_resuscitation_department_of_dnipropetrovsk_hospital_323745

Tymchuk not ruling out terrorist attacks outside of Donbas, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The possibility of terrorist attacks being committed outside the zone of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine is growing with the arrival in the Donbas of special forces of the Russian military intelligence.

The coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"At the same time, one may predict that there will be attempts to commit terrorist attacks outside the ATO zone in order to distract security forces from the area of the operation," he said, while speaking about Russia's intention to send reconnaissance and sabotage groups of special forces units of the Russian main intelligence directorate to the Donbas on July 15.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tymchuk_not_ruling_out_terrorist_attacks_outside_of_donbas_323747

Amvrosiivka shelled from Grad from Russia side yesterday, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. The town of Amvrosiivka was shelled from Grad from the territory of Russia this night, Volodymyr Parasiuk writes on his Facebook page.

"This night, Amvrosiivka is shelled from Grad from the territory of Russia. Information is verified," he wrote.

"The 24th Brigade stayed at one place for two days and moved nowhere. Perhaps, someone gave such an order so that the enemy could take a careful sight," he notes.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/amvrosiivka_shelled_from_grad_from_russia_side_yesterday_323756

Three-day mourning declared in Luhansk, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Luhansk declared three days of mourning for 17 civilians, killed by militants in residential neighborhoods.

Luhansk Mayor Serhiy Kravchenko said this in his order on Tuesday.

"The last days became black pages in the life of our city. Grief and sorrow came to our home Luhansk. As a result of armed conflicts, we are losing the most precious thing we have - the lives of innocent Luhansk residents that during the shelling were not on the front line, but in residential areas. Only over the last three days 17 civilians were killed, 73 people received shrapnel and gunshot wounds. Due to the tragic events I have decided to declare July 15, 16 and 17 the days of mourning in Luhansk," the mayor said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_day_mourning_declared_in_luhansk_323762

Mourning declared also in Donetsk region, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. A day of mourning is declared in Donetsk region today over the deaths of civilians as a result of the fighting on July 12 in the area of the Mariinsky district and on July 15 - in Snizhne.

The order was signed by Chairman of the Donetsk Regional State Administration Serhiy Taruta, the temporary website of the Donetsk Regional State Administration reads.

"Mourning is in Donetsk region today. Our brothers and sisters were killed as a result of terrorist attacks of militants on the town of Mariinka, Donetsk and Snizhne. We grieve with those, who lost the loved ones as a result of these attacks. Terrorism has no excuse. I'd like to say "stop it" to terrorists, but I've talked myself hoarse of the endless repetition. Mutilated Donbas needs peace, but not peace at any price. Not peace through sorrow and suffering, not peace at the price of hundreds of lives and maimed fates. Our debt to the dead is to find and punish all those responsible for this terrible tragedy. We'll do it without fail," Taruta's statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mourning_declared_also_in_donetsk_region_323799

Militants from Luhansk move tanks to Alchevsk. Powerful explosions heard in town, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. In Luhansk, the terrorists move tanks, armored personnel carriers, trucks and other equipment in the direction of Alchevsk. Local residents say on Twitter, Podrobnosti informs.

"Three tanks, 1 armored personnel carrier and trucks of terrorists left Luhansk in the direction of Alchevsk by the Donetsk highway," the user @ 100007182042214 writes in Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_from_luhansk_move_tanks_to_alchevsk_powerful_explosions_heard_in_town_323764

Six servicemen killed, 13 injured in ATO zone over last 24 hours, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Six Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 13 injured during the fighting in the zone of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) over the last 24 hours.

Spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Six servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces have been killed and 13 injured in the fighting over the last 24 hours. All those injured have been taken to medical facilities, and they have been given appropriate medical care," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_servicemen_killed_13_injured_in_ato_zone_over_last_24_hours_323789

Luhansk shelled from territory of Bryansk Machine Building Plant, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Two large-caliber howitzers that are regularly shelling Luhansk outskirts are on the territory of the Luhanskteplovoy Plant in the area of the 7th gatehouse.

Residents of a settlement in the vicinity of the plant told an Ukrinform correspondent. "Cannons were brought here a week ago, and there was not a day since that time that they failed to bring down fire," one of the plant's former employees said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/luhansk_shelled_from_territory_of_bryansk_machine_building_plant_323803

Four pilots from downed An-26 plane saved - Seleznirov, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Four pilots from a Ukrainian An-26 military transport aircraft that was shot down by terrorists in Luhansk region have been saved, anti-terrorist operation (ATO) spokesman Vladyslav Seleznirov has told a Ukrinform reporter.

"Four pilots have been saved as a result of a search and rescue operation. They are in a safe place," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_pilots_from_downed_an_26_plane_saved_seleznirov_323812

Self-defense vacates seven government buildings in Kyiv, 15.07.2014

KYIV, July 15 /Ukrinform/. Maidan activists have vacated seven government buildings captured by them in the Ukrainian capital.

Kyiv Prosecutor Serhiy Yuldashev said this at a meeting with a representative of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, Ukrinform reported.

"Today seven government buildings in downtown Kyiv were released from representatives of self-defense forces and Right Sector," the prosecutor's press service quoted him as saying.

According to Yuldashev, the buildings were released without the use of force.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/self_defense_vacates_seven_government_buildings_in_kyiv_323816

258 servicemen killed, 922 injured during ATO - Security and Defense Council, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. A total of 258 Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 922 have been injured over the whole period of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine.

Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council, said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"As many as 258 servicemen have been killed and 922 injured over the whole period of the ATO," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/258_servicemen_killed_922_injured_during_ato_security_and_defense_council_323818

Terrorists use peaceful settlement as live shield, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Militants fired Ukrainian column in Sverdlovsk district.

As the website infromator.lg.ua informs, July 15, the ATO forces were moving through the village of Oleksandrivsk, Sverdlovsk district, and about 18.00 were attacked by terrorists of the "Luhansk People's Republic."

According to witnesses, separatists came closer from the side of residential homes on off-roaders and immediately started shooting.

ATO representatives did not respond to the fire, because militants were still in the housing sector. The fire in response was opened only when militants went on the road.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_use_peaceful_settlement_as_live_shield_323826

Fighters start all-out assault on forces of National Guard near Marinovka, combat continues, 16.07.2014

Fighters started all-out assault on forces of the National Guard near Stepanovka, at 5.00 am, today. Terrorists fired at positions of Ukrainian soldiers from mortars, tanks and ATGMs. Reuters The press service of the National Guard of Ukraine reports. "Terrorists fired from mortars, tanks and ATGMs at a roadblock of the National Guard of Ukraine, which is situated near Marinovka (the Donetsk Oblast). They carried out a firing more than hour. The forces of the National Guard of Ukraine repulsed an attack and passed to offensive, in a result of that terrorists retreated to Stepanovka settlement", - it is said in the statement. There are 3 injured soldiers from the side of the National Guard of Ukraine.

10 tanks, 5 APCs and up to 200 people attack "Marinkovka" checkpoint, which is under control of the Ukrainian forces. There are two perished Ukrainian soldiers.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940173-fighters-start-all-out-assault-on-forces-of-national-guard-near-marinovka-combat-continues.html>

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940361-armed-forces-combat-takes-place-near-marinkovka-checkpoint.html>

Ukraine loses 11 servicemen over last 24 hours, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Eleven Ukrainian servicemen have been killed over the past 24 hours during the anti-terrorist operation in the east of the country.

Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), said this at a briefing at Ukrinform on Wednesday.

"Reports in certain media about a large number of Ukrainian soldiers who died in yesterday's fighting are untrue. The verified data say that the losses of Ukrainian military over the last 24 hours are 11 people," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_11_servicemen_over_last_24_hours_323852

Ukrainian military aviation renews flights in area of ATO – NSDC, 16.07.2014

The Ukrainian military aviation renewed flights in area of ATO. photo press service of the Defense Ministry According to an UNIAN correspondent, Speaker of Information center of NSDC Andriy Lysenko said this at press conference in Kyiv. "Now aviation supports our subdivisions in places, where the combats are carried out", - he said this.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940355-ukrainian-military-aviation-renews-flights-in-area-of-ato-nsdc.html>

Militants attack roadblock of enforcers near Hryhorivka, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Today, near the village of Hryhorivka, Luhansk region, militants attacked a roadblock of the ATO forces.

Spokesman of the Information Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko told a briefing at Ukrinform.

"Today, in the area of the village of Hryhorivka, Luhansk region, militants attacked the roadblock of the ATO forces. The attack was successfully repelled. No casualties," he noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_attack_roadblock_of_enforcers_near_hryhorivka_323883

ATO forces eliminate 3 tanks and 2 APCs in Donetsk Oblast – Tymchuk, 17.07.2014

ATO forces eliminated 3 tanks and 2 APCs near Marinovka village in the Donetsk Oblast. Head of "Information Resistance" group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his Facebook page. Tymchuk write that combats have been taking place since yesterday near Marinovka.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940622-ato-forces-eliminate-3-tanks-and-2-apcs-in-donetsk-oblast-tymchuk.html>

Russian films Grad shelling Ukraine from Rostov region. Video, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. In the town of Gukovo in Rostov region, near the border with Ukraine, a local resident filmed a video with BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher shelling the Ukrainian territory.

The video clearly shows how the Grad launcher shells the territory of Ukraine.

"This is so much fun in Gukovo! Guys, Grad is shelling," a man is commenting on what is happening.

According to the by24.org website, experts have compared this movie with a map of the area. On the map it is seen where a man with the camera stands, where the Russian Grad systems are located and in which direction they were shelling. The border between Russia and Ukraine is marked with a yellow line.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_films_grad_shelling_ukraine_from_rostov_region_video_323891

Law enforcers' roadblock comes under fire 15 minutes after drones' 'visit', 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. A roadblock of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces near the village of Stukalova Balka in Luhansk region came under fire 15 minutes after a "visit" by unmanned aerial vehicles. The coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, wrote this on his page on Facebook.

"Two unmanned aerial vehicles of terrorists were seen near the village of Stukalova Balka. The drones came under fire, but they were not shot down. Fifteen minutes after the UAVs were detected terrorists opened fire on a roadblock of the ATO forces near Stukalova Balka," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_enforcers_roadblock_comes_under_fire_15_minutes_after_drones_visit_323893

Bulk of Luhansk without water, electricity, gas - local authorities, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. In Luhansk some residents were left without water, electricity and gas due to outages and network damages after shelling, the press office of Luhansk City Council reported on Thursday.

"5,956 persons were disconnected from power supply in Kamennobrodsky, Leninsky and partly Zhovtnevy districts. Because of yesterday's attacks 7,000 residents of Kammeny Brid were left without water. The reason is suspension of water supply from the 4th pump station because of an emergency power outage. The gas supply company continues to work in Katerynivka - however, 305 residents are today without natural gas," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bulk_of_luhansk_without_water_electricity_gas_local_authorities_323904

More than 43 thousand people move from ATO area – SES, 17.07.2014

Chairman of the State Emergency Service noted that as of today a considerable number of migrants from ATO area live in the Kharkiv Oblast and in Kyiv. Photo: UNIAN As of today 42.993 people moved from an area of antiterrorist operation to other regions. According to an UNIAN correspondent, chairman of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine Serhiy Bochkovskyi said this at press conference. Bochkovskyi also noted that a considerable number of migrants from ATO area live in the Kharkiv Oblast and in Kyiv.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940657-more-than-43-thousand-people-move-from-ato-area-ses.html>

DTEK closes Donetsk offices, 17.07.2014

DTEK has closed its three Donetsk-based offices in connection with the tense situation in the city, the company's press service told Interfax on Wednesday.

"Most of employees have left for Zaporizhia, Dnipropetrovsk, and Zelenodolsk, where the company has other offices. Those who remain in Donetsk have been switched to remote work today," a spokesman for the company said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/economic/213923.html>

Eight civilians wounded in Luhansk in past 24 hours - City Council, 17.07.2014

Eight civilians have been wounded in the bombardments of Luhansk in the past 24 hours. Twenty-two residential buildings and structures were damaged, the City Council press service said on Thursday.

A total of 1,528 applications were filed by citizens with the city anti-crisis center. There have been no casualty reports.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213982.html>

Bodies of two pilots of downed An-26 found - NSDC, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. Bodies of two pilots of the An-26 aircraft downed in Luhansk region by Russian weapons have been found, National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing at Ukrinform on Thursday.

"There is information that bodies of the pilots have been found," he said.

At the same time, Lysenko added said that there are problems with the transportation of the bodies, as they are on the territory controlled by terrorists.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bodies_of_two_pilots_of_downed_an_26_found_nsd_323910

Five Ukrainian troops killed in past 24 hours - NSDC, 17.07.2014

Five military servicemen have been killed and eleven more injured in the military operation area in east Ukraine over the past 24 hours.

"Five servicemen have been killed and eleven injured in the past 24 hours," spokesman for the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214040.html>

Residents of Rostov region confirm Russian Grad launchers shell Ukrainian territory, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. After the appearance of a video with the BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers shelling the Ukrainian territory from Rostov region, the locals confirmed the Russian military hardware appeared in the region and recognized the location, which the shelling came from, the Novaya Gazeta reported, citing the local residents.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/residents_of_rostov_region_confirm_russian_grad_launchers_shell_ukrainian_territory_323926

Warehouse with Russian ammunition found in Sloviansk, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have found in Sloviansk a warehouse with Russian-produced ammunition that was abandoned by militants, the press center of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has reported.

"In the educational building of the Sloviansk College of the National Aviation University law enforcers have found and defused an ammunition warehouse abandoned by militants from terrorist organizations," SBU said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/warehouse_with_russian_ammunition_found_in_sloviansk_323924

ATO forces continue to flush out terrorists, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. The anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces closed the ring and pushed deep into the territory controlled by militants, director of the Center for Military Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page on Friday.

"The ATO forces regrouped, having closed the ring, and are moving into the territory conditionally controlled by the terrorists, 10-15 km. Terrain enforcement is underway," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_continue_to_flush_out_terrorists_323956

No electricity, water in Luhansk, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. There is no electricity and water supply in Luhansk following the night bombardment.

At night, during the shelling, the Kirov substation was damaged in Kamiany Brod. The city center is also left without electricity, where the authorities of the self-proclaimed "Luhansk People's Republic" are located. Well, once there is no light, booster pumping stations also do not work. At least there is gas," one of the employees of the Luhansk regional administration said who stays in the city.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_electricity_water_in_luhansk_323958

Oil refinery is on fire in Lisichansk, 18.07.2014

Overnight into July 18, about at 3.30 am a shell got into territory of Lisichansk Oil Refinery. Lisichansk Oil Refinery / Roman Bochkala / www.facebook.com According to Informator, in the result of getting of the shell, a cistern started burning. Acting chairwoman of Luhansk Oblast Administration Iryna Verigina said on her page in a social network, "Lisichansk Oil Refinery is on fire: a capacity at 50 thousand tons for keeping of oil-slimes, 2 capacities at 20 tons of gas, storehouse for keeping of brimstone is also on fire. Terrorists fired at this object from "Grad".

<http://www.unian.info/politics/941176-oil-refinery-is-on-fire-in-lisichansk.html>

Ukrainian military surround terrorists, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military after successful rearrangement yesterday locked a ring around the terrorists near the state border.

NSDC Information and Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko told a briefing. "Ukrainian military made successful rearrangement and its individual units clasped a ring around the militants near the state border," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_surround_terrorists_323982

Heavy shelling kills over 20 civilians in Luhansk, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. According to preliminary reports, more than 20 civilians have been killed this morning in Luhansk as a result of a heavy shelling by pro-Russian terrorists, the press office of Luhansk City Council said in a statement.

"Rockets fall in almost all districts, including in the central city, in the quarters of Pivdenny, Heroyiv Stalinhrada, Hayovy, 50 rokiv Zhovtnia, in Kamenobrodsky district, near the bus station, Lisotorhovy and other parts of the city. More than 20 civilians have been killed," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/heavy_shelling_kills_over_20_civilians_in_luhansk_323995

16 civilians killed, 66 wounded in Luhansk over 24 hours, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. As a result of a continued shelling of Luhansk 16 (3 women, 13 men) civilians have been killed, 66 wounded, the press office of Luhansk City Council said in a statement on Saturday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/16_civilians_killed_66_wounded_in_luhansk_over_24_hours_324012

Militants attacking Luhansk airport with Grad rocket launchers, tanks, mine throwers, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The pro-Russian terrorists early Saturday morning resumed the shelling of the Lugansk Airport from tanks, mortars and Grad multiple rocket launchers, according to the informant.lg.ua online edition.

"At the moment, the positions of the Ukrainian troops are fired from tanks and mortars. Periodically the airport is shelled by the Grad multiple rocket launchers, located near the 10th hospital and 30 Years of Victory Street," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_attacking_luhansk_airport_with_grad_rocket_launchers_tanks_mine_throwers_324018

Eight enforcers killed over past day - NSDC, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. As a result of military operations during the day, eight military of the Ukrainian Armed Forces died, 50 were injured.

Spokesman of the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Andriy Lysenko told a briefing at Ukrinform on Sunday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eight_enforcers_killed_over_past_day_nsd_324028

Russian tanks, Grad rocket launchers, Urals break through in Luhansk region, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. Despite to the situation with shot down Malaysian Boeing, Russia continues to supply heavy military equipment and other weapons to terrorists on the territory of Ukraine.

NSDC Information and Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko told.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_tanks_grad_rocket_launchers_urals_break_through_in_luhansk_region_324033

Ukrainian army captures 23 Russian militants, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. A group of terrorists tried to break out of the town of Lysychansk in Luhansk region on Sunday evening, but 23 Russian militants have been captured, the press service of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has reported.

"On the instruction of the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces an armor convoy of the illegal armed unit was defeated. Three armored vehicles were destroyed, and 23 militants, including their injured leader, were captured," reads the statement.

The prisoners include representatives of Chechen nationality. All militants have Russian citizenship.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_army_captures_23_russian_militants_324043

ATO forces cleaning Rubizhne of militants, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian government forces are cleansing the town of Rubizhne in Luhansk region of militants.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies and coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, reported this on his page on Facebook.

"The ATO (anti-terrorist operation) forces have taken control of the perimeter of the populated center of Rubizhne, and measures are being taken to cleanse the town of militants," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_cleaning_rubizhne_of_militants_324049

Water Canal Siversky Donets - Donbas seriously damaged again, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. During the fighting near Horlivka, all three pipelines of the Siversky Donets - Donbas Canal were significantly damaged.

Deputy Chairman of the Voroshylivsky District Executive Committee Ivan Prykhodko wrote on his Facebook page, "V Gorode" (In the City) resource informs.

"The Canal stopped again due to the armed conflict in Horlivka. Unfortunately, we did not have time to make the stocks of water in reservoirs. Kindly observe further water saving," Prykhodko wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/water_canal_siversky_donets_donbas_seriously_damaged_again_324053

Oshchadbank suspends operation in Luhansk, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Fighting continued near Luhansk on July 21.

The Informator resource in Luhansk reports.

"At 7:25 a.m., a shell exploded in the plantation in the Olkhovsky quarter area. The Luhansk regional branch of Oshchadbank suspended operation," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/oshchadbank_suspends_operation_in_luhansk_324057

Two killed, 16 injured in Luhansk in past 24 hours, 26 houses damaged, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. The past 24 hours in Luhansk were tense as the fighting continued, 26 apartment buildings were damaged, and two civilians were killed, the press office of the Luhansk City Council has reported.

In general, the city's anti-crisis center received 1,925 appeals from citizens.

"As a result of constant shelling of the city two civilians were killed and 12 peaceful residents of Luhansk were injured. Emergency services were called 117 times in the past 24 hours," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_killed_16_injured_in_luhansk_in_past_24_hours_26_houses_damaged_324055

Donetsk, Luhansk partisans enter into battle with terrorists, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Small partisan groups are operating against terrorists in Donetsk and Luhansk.

Spokesman of the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko told a briefing, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We already have information that both in Donetsk and Luhansk there are self-organized small groups of people, who are also fighting the terrorists," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_luhansk_partisans_enter_into_battle_with_terrorists_324073

Russian mercenaries kidnap Swede in Luhansk, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Russian mercenaries kidnapped a citizen of Sweden at the roadblock near Perevalsk, Luhansk region, yesterday.

Spokesman of the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko told a press conference in Kyiv, Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Terrorists continue kidnapping people, including foreigners. Yesterday, Russian mercenaries captured a citizen of Sweden at a roadblock near Perevalsk, Luhansk region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_mercenaries_kidnap_swede_in_luhansk_324077

Energy supply of Donbas under threat: Russian saboteurs capture electric stations, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Russian saboteurs seize the Donbas substations, control centers of electric stations and thermal power plants, jeopardizing the energy supply of the region.

Spokesman of the Information and Analytical Center (IAC) of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko told a press conference in Kyiv, Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"In Molodohvardiysk, Krasnodon district of Luhansk region, about 30 Russian commandos took control of the substation of the linear department of the Energy and Coal Industry Ministry and the control center of the Krasnodon distribution electric station, and the Vuhlehirsk power plant in Vuhlehirsk, Donetsk region," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/energy_supply_of_donbas_under_threat_russian_saboteurs_capture_electric_stations_324079

Two Ukrainian servicemen die in combat in east in past 24 hours, 21.07.2014

Two Ukrainian servicemen died in the army operation zone in the past 24 hours, according to Andriy Lysenko, head of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council information center.

"We have had losses in the past 24 hours - two servicemen have died. We are updating information about the wounded," Lysenko said at a press briefing in Kyiv on

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214640.html>

Death toll in clashes near Donetsk railroad station, airport up to four people, 21.07.2014

Four people died and two were injured on Monday during clashes near the Donetsk railroad station and the airport, the Donetsk regional administration press office said in a statement citing regional healthcare department.

The authorities do not possess information for now on who people killed and injured are, the press office said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214697.html>

Water supplies to Donetsk stopped, city has water to last five days at most, 21.07.2014

Donbas Water Company has stopped three pumping stations bringing water to the Siversky Donets - Donbas channel due to damage inflicted during battles, the press office of DTEK energy holding company of Ukrainian businessman Rinat Akhmetov said.

"Due to the three pumping stations which have stopped pumping water to the Siversky Donets - Donbas channel, restrictions have been introduced in water supplies to municipal systems. Even if water is supplied three hours a day, Donetsk's water reserves will last only five days," DTEK said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214706.html>

Ukrainian military come under artillery fire from Russia, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. The positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces have again come under fire from Russia.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his Facebook page.

"The positions of the ATO forces came under fire from Russian territory near the settlement of Kumachove (mortar fire) and the Dovzhansky checkpoint (self-propelled artillery fire)," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_come_under_artillery_fire_from_russia_324096

Ukrainian security forces attacked from sea, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have fired Ukrainian roadblocks from the sea. Head of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"For the first time, the roadblock of the security forces was attacked from the sea. In particular, the mortar mounted on the boat shelled a roadblock near the town of Novoazovsk (Donetsk region)," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_security_forces_attacked_from_sea_324100

Terrorists want to seize Donbas enterprises, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists from the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic" ("DPR") issued a "resolution" on the transfer of "property owned by the state of Ukraine" to the "DPR."

The NBN reports with reference to the "press office" of the "DPR."

"Based on the resolution of the "Council of Ministers of the "DPR" of July 21, 2014, "On the transfer of property owned by the state of Ukraine to public ownership "of the Donetsk People's Republic," "all enterprises having the share of the state of Ukraine in their authorized capital, will be proposed to go to the service of the "DPR" people," a statement reads.

"The "DPR" authorities," in particular, will soon notify all the enterprises of fuel and energy industries about this decision.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_want_to_seize_donbas_enterprises_324173

13 Ukrainian servicemen killed over 24 hours, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. 13 Ukrainian servicemen have been killed over the past 24 hours in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), the spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing on Tuesday.

"13 servicemen have been killed over the past 24 hours, the number of wounded is to be confirmed," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/13_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_over_24_hours_324133

Bridge blown up between Severodonetsk and Rubizhne, 22.07.2014

Unknown persons have blown up supports under a car bridge over the Borova River along a motorway that links the towns of Severodonetsk and Rubizhne in eastern Ukraine.

No one was killed or injured in the explosion, which occurred early on July 21, the press service of the Ukrainian Infrastructure Ministry reported on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214803.html>

Horlivka sees gunfire, bridge damage, electric public transport halt, 22.07.2014

Last night was far from being quiet in Horlivka, Donetsk region. Gunfire was heard in every district and the hostilities continued in the Mayorsk and Dzerzhynsk suburbs, the City Council press service said on Tuesday.

The gunfire ceased early in the morning. District administrations said the public utility services were working.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214799.html>

Two inmates die, two more injured when colony in Horlivka comes under fire, 22.07.2014

During battles between Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces and Russian-sponsored insurgents in Horlivka in Donetsk region twelve missiles hit the Michurinska correctional colony, two inmates died, two more and a colony head aide on duty sustained shrapnel wounds.

On July 21 at around 2330, twelve missiles hit the colony during the battle between anti-terrorist forces and the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) rebels in Horlivka, the Ukrainian State Penitentiary Service press office said on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214904.html>

Massive explosion rips through center of Zaporizhzhia, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. A massive explosion ripped through Zaporizhzhia, near the center of extreme medicine and fifth city hospital, last night. According to preliminary reports, the explosive device was left in the courtyard of the Armenian Church, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The explosion was of such power that plastic windows were smashed even in the building of the city hospital," witnesses said.

Police officers are searching for a gray Samand car with number plates AP 6331 CO, which was seen at the scene several seconds before the explosion.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/massive_explosion_rips_through_center_of_zaporizhzhia_324179

Terrorists blocked by ATO forces in Lysychansk - NSDC, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian troops continue the offensive operation in Lysychansk. Russian mercenaries are blocked there, the spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defence Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_blocked_by_ato_forces_in_lynychansk_nsd_324278

Terrorists redeploy armored vehicles to Horlivka and Ilovaisk, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Militants in eastern Ukraine move the armored vehicles to Horlivka and Ilovaisk.

The ATO press center informs on Facebook.

"Further strengthening and arrangement of firing positions and defenses is observed, as well as redeployment of armored vehicles to the towns around Donetsk, namely: Horlivka, Ilovaisk," the ATO noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_redeploy_armored_vehicles_to_horlivka_and_ilovaisk_324242

Heavy artillery worked in Donetsk this night, part of city without electricity, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Last night was disturbing in Donetsk again. Shots and explosions were heard in the city.

This was reported by the press service of the Donetsk city council.

"Residents of Kyivsky, Kirovsky, Leninsky and Petrovsky districts heard how heavy artillery worked," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/heavy_artillery_worked_in_donetsk_this_night_part_of_city_without_electricity_324250

Ukrainian troops lose 4 servicemen, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Over the past 24 hours four Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), 35 injured.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defence Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Thursday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_lose_4_servicemen_324280

Terrorists ask Russia for phosphorus munitions, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Russian mercenaries of the so-called "DPR" ("Donetsk People's Republic") and "LPR" ("Luhansk People's Republic") want to get phosphorous munitions from Russia, then to blame the Ukrainian army for their use, which does not even have such munitions.

Speaker of the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) Andriy Lysenko told a briefing in Kyiv, Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Ukraine has received an irrefutable proof of "talks about getting phosphorus munitions from Russia," conducted by terrorists of the so-called "DPR" and "LPR," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_ask_russia_for_phosphorus_munitions_324282

Terrorists hold 150 orphaned children hostage, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. About 150 children from orphanages are still being held hostage by pro-Russian terrorists, because as of July 24 they have not been evacuated from the ATO area in Donetsk region, the OstroV online edition reported on Thursday.

"All children and childcare centers in Makiyivka and Donetsk and other cities remain in their places. Everything is in place," the publication learned from a source with Donetsk Regional State Administration.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_hold_150_orphaned_children_hostage_324319

Anti-terrorist operation in east Ukraine internally displaces over 70,000 persons - vice-premier, 24.07.2014

The anti-terrorist operation in east Ukraine has internally displaced over 70,000 persons, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Oleksandr Sych has said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215246.html>

Ukraine Rebel Leader Says Stalingrad Coming to Donetsk, 24.07.2014

Pro-Russian rebel leader Alexander Borodai said he's preparing for block-to-block fighting to defend Donetsk as Ukraine seeks to retake the stronghold and end a conflict he says has resulted in 10,000 deaths.

"We will stand till the end," Borodai, the Muscovite spin doctor-turned prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, said in an interview today. "If the Ukrainians start an offensive, it will become a second Stalingrad," Borodai said, referring to the World War II battle that claimed almost 2 million Soviet and Nazi lives.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-24/ukraine-rebel-leader-says-stalingrad-coming-to-donetsk.html>

Eighteen soldiers return to Ukraine after medical treatment in Russia, 24.07.2014

Eighteen Ukrainian servicemen have returned home after undergoing medical treatment at hospitals in the Russian southern city of Rostov-on-Don, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Vasyl Zvarych told Interfax-Ukraine on Thursday.

The dead body of a Ukrainian soldier who died from his injuries has been turned over to the Ukrainian authorities as well, he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215187.html>

Terrorists bombard Luhansk airdrome and two roadblocks from Grad, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Over a night from July 24 to July 25, terrorists repeatedly shelled the ATO positions from Grad multiple rocket launchers.

The ATO press center informs.

"About 01:00 a.m., the Luhansk aerodrome was bombarded from BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers from the settlement of Fabrychne," the press service informed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_bombard_luhansk_airdrome_and_two_roadblocks_from_grad_324333

Thirteen Ukrainian servicemen killed in ATO area over last 24 hours, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Thirteen Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the fighting with terrorists in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine over the last 24 hours.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Thirteen Ukrainian soldiers have been killed over the past 24 hours," Lysenko said, adding that another 19 servicemen have been wounded.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/thirteen_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_in_ato_area_over_last_24_hours_324360

Russian artillery demolishes Marynivka checkpoint on border - NSDC, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military did not shell the territory of Russia, despite the fact that there was occasional firing on our military. At the same time, the terrorists systematically shelled the Russian territory, provoking the Russian troops to fire on the ATO forces.

Spokesman of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center (IAC) Andriy Lysenko told a briefing in Kyiv, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Yesterday, from 18:00 and 23:00 [local time] the Marynivka checkpoint in Donetsk region was twice shelled from the territory of Russia from mortars, Grad multiple rocket launchers and artillery. The infrastructure and equipment of the international border checkpoint Marynivka is incapacitated," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_artillery_demolishes_marynivka_checkpoint_on_border_nsd_324366

Terrorists blow up two more bridges in Donbas, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Russian saboteurs are continuing to destroy infrastructure in the Donbas, blowing up two more bridges in Stakhanov, Luhansk region, on July 24.

The spokesman for the information and analytical center (IAC) of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), Andriy Lysenko, said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_blow_up_two_more_bridges_in_donbas_324381

Militants' leaders accuse each other of helping ATO, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Due to active attacks by the Ukrainian troops as part of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) militants' leaders began quarrelling and accusing of "incompetence", Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We already have information that the leaders of the militants began quarreling and blaming each other saying that some of them unprofessionally do their job on defending settlements," Lysenko said.

According to him, this split helps the Ukrainian law enforcers to conduct the ATO.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_leaders_accuse_each_other_of_helping_ato_324384

Kremenchuk mayor shot dead, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Kremenchuk Mayor Oleh Babayev was killed in Kremenchuk, Poltava region, this morning, the interior minister's adviser, Anton Herashchenko, has reported on Facebook.

"An hour ago, in Kremenchuk, unidentified persons killed Kremenchuk Mayor Oleh Babayev. This morning he put on a tracksuit, took a waste bag and, forgetting his mobile phones at home, left his private house on a Mercedes S500. Then, according to eyewitnesses, he stopped either to throw out the bin bag or was cut by a killer's car, or for other reason. Three shots were made using smoothbore from a white VAZ 2108 that stopped nearby. Oleh Babayev died on the spot from the injuries sustained," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kremenchuk_mayor_shot_dead_324408

House of Lviv mayor shelled, press service of city council, 26.07.2014

Last night a house of Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovy was shelled, the press service of Lviv City Council has reported.

The press service said that there are no injuries, as the mayor with his family left for the Carpathian Mountains for a weekend.

The incident occurred at around 2330 on July 25, 2014. The shell hit a corner of the house, the roof, a beam and four sections of windows on the third floor of the house were damaged.

The Mukha anti-tank grenade launcher was found not far from the house.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215604.html>

Ukrainian paratroopers kill terrorist snipers in Lysychansk, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian paratroopers have destroyed a terrorist squad of snipers during the cleansing of Lysychansk, the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) press center has reported.

"While cleansing the town of Lysychansk, units of highly mobile airborne troops have destroyed a group of snipers. The militants' positions were equipped in a well-fortified reinforced concrete bunker. The paratroopers, blocking the building, used explosives to clear their way to a pillbox. The terrorist sniper squad was destroyed," the ATO headquarters reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_paratroopers_kill_terrorist_snipers_in_lysyhansk_324410

Four Ukrainian servicemen killed, 20 injured over past 24 hours, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Four Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine over the past 24 hours.

National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Saturday.

"Four Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 20 wounded over the past 24 hours," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_20_injured_over_past_24_hours_324414

Militants under guise of civilians moving to Sloviansk, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform /. Terrorists in the east of Ukraine under the guise of peaceful citizens are moving to Sloviansk.

Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"Cases of removal of small groups of militants under the guise of civilians to the area of Sloviansk were observed. Activity of the enemy sabotage-reconnaissance groups is noted on liberated territories," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_under_guise_of_civilians_moving_to_sloviansk_324424

Arms from Crimea sent to militants in Donbas, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform /. Arms from occupied Crimea are sent to militants in the east of Ukraine.

Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"Delivery of arms and ammunition to terrorists was fixed from the territory of occupied Crimea via the Azov seashore," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/arms_from_crimea_sent_to_militants_in_donbas_324426

Horlivka blocked by ATO forces, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Troops of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) have completely blocked Horlivka, the ATO press office wrote on its Facebook page.

"During the day [Sunday - ed.] advanced detachments of the ATO forces continued to attack certain areas and narrow the ring around gangs. Horlivka is completely blocked," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/horlivka_blocked_by_ato_forces_324428

Militants threaten to blow up Stirol plant in Horlivka - media, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. After the leaders of terrorists operating in eastern Ukraine, Igor Girkin (Strelkov) and Igor Bezler (Bes) disappeared in an unknown direction, the "power" in Horlivka has been transferred to a warlord nicknamed "Botsman," who threatens to blow up the local Stirol plant if the Ukrainian army continues the offensive. This was stated by reservist Colonel General Volodymyr Ruban, according to the Hvylya online newspaper.

"Today the Ukrainian army launched an offensive in the area of Horlivka, firing on the positions of terrorists, including with Grad rocket launchers and guns. This created panic in the town, because the locals were not ready for such a situation. The most dangerous thing is that 'Botsman' threatens to blow up Horlivka's Stirol and other hazardous facilities if the Ukrainian army does not stop shelling the positions of militants," Ruban said.

The Firtash press service confirmed information about mining of the Stirol chemical concern.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_threaten_to_blow_up_stirol_plant_in_horlivka_media_324432
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/firtash_press_service_confirms_stirol_mining_324435

Shell hits Horlivka student dormitory, three people missing, 28.07.2014

An artillery shell hit the building of a teachers' training institute's dormitory in central Horlivka, Donetsk region of Ukraine, at around 1030.

No students are now living in the dormitory, but people could have still been inside the building and three people are feared dead.

The shell hit the third floor of the building, causing a fire. The fire is now being extinguished by the firefighting services.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215690.html>

Thirteen killed in rocket attack on Horlivka center - Donetsk admin, 28.07.2014

Thirteen people, among them two children aged one and five years, were killed on Sunday in a shelling attack on the center of Horlivka, the Donetsk regional administration said on its Web site on Sunday.

Rockets were fired with Grad launchers. Civilian casualties vary from 20 to 30, according to the local emergencies department.

"The local maternity hospital was presumably damaged in an artillery attack. Windows were blown out when a drug rehabilitation clinic was hit by artillery fire. A rocket was fired at Hospital No.2, presumably the obstetric department, at about 1300. I can't provide more accurate information about casualties and destruction as I am only approaching the territory," the top local health official, Oleksandr Prosiannyk, told Interfax-Ukraine.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215644.html>

Five civilians killed in attacks in Luhansk in past 24 hours - city council, 28.07.2014

Five civilians were killed and another 15 were wounded in Luhansk in the past 24 hours, the press service for the Luhansk city council reported on Monday morning.

Emergency services were summoned 106 times in the past 24 hours, the report says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215666.html>

Ukrainian military come under artillery fire from Russia, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces continue to come under fire not only by militants in eastern Ukraine, but also artillery from Russia.

Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page.

"ATO positions in the border areas were fired on from Russia at least two times. The attacks came from artillery," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_come_under_artillery_fire_from_russia_324453

Two border guards wounded in shelling of Krasna Talivka, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian border guards have been wounded in the shelling by terrorists of the Krasna Talivka checkpoint in Luhansk region.

Spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The situation on the border in the ATO area remains difficult. Today, at about 11.00, terrorists opened fire on the Krasna Talivka checkpoint in Luhansk region. Two border guards were wounded in gunfire, and significant damage was caused to the administrative building of the checkpoint and the observation tower," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_border_guards_wounded_in_shelling_of_krasna_talivka_324488

Ukraine's Aidar battalion reports 23 fatalities in 24 hours, 28.07.2014

The Ukrainian government's Aidar battalion on Monday reported a death toll of 23 over the past 24 hours.

"Over the past 24 hours, the battalion has taken part in three operations in various areas around the town of Lutuhyne. There are losses in each group. Altogether 23 members of the battalion have been killed," Aidar said on Facebook.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215792.html>

Militants planning to fight Savur-Mohyla back, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Pro-Russian militants are attempting to recapture the height they earlier lost - Savur-Mohyla - and preparing for defence in other areas. However, some of them are already demoralized and are preparing to flee to Russia.

Head of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook page.

"The situation in the ATO area remains difficult. After the liberation by the ATO forces of a number of areas in the operation zone, the terrorists had several counterattacks to retake the lost positions. Most stringent counterattacks of the militants have been recorded in the area of Savur-Mohyla, that had been earlier liberated by the Ukrainian security forces," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_planning_to_fight_savur_mohyla_back_324490

Terrorists awaiting reinforcement from Russian army, 'Cossacks' - Tymchuk, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Terrorist leaders are waiting for help from Russia, not only from the Russian Defence Ministry and intelligence agencies, but also from non-governmental groups, Head of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote.

"There have been attempts of terrorist leaders to get support from Russia not only through the Defence Ministry and intelligence agencies, but also from non-governmental groups. Specifically, the leadership of the terrorist organization "LPR" is awaiting the arrival from Russia of the reinforcement from the so-called "Great Don Army," the expert says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_awaiting_reinforcement_from_russian_army_cossacks_tymchuk_324492

93 civilians killed in Luhansk in July, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Since early July in Luhansk 93 people have been killed, including one child, more than 400 injured. Nearly a hundred of houses, dozens of schools, shops, buildings and enterprises have been destroyed, the press office of Luhansk City Council reported on Tuesday.

"Civilians: victims - 93 people (including children - 1); wounded - 407 people (including children - 4). Destruction: apartment buildings - 97, homes of the private sector - 286, schools - 23, universities 3, colleges - 4, student dormitories - 9, kindergartens - 21, bus stations, pharmacy stores, hospitals - 3, social and cultural facilities - 8, plants (including Bakery Factory No. 3) - 14, warehouses of finished products of private enterprises - 17; stores - 26 (including supermarket - 5), catering facilities- 26," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/93_civilians_killed_in_luhansk_in_july_324498

Over 1,200 military wounded since beginning of ATO, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Since the start of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), 1,236 Ukrainian military got injured.

Director of the Defense Ministry's Military Medical Department, Colonel of the Medical Service Vitaliy Andronatyy told a press conference, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"1,236 military got injured since the beginning of combat actions in the ATO zone," Andronatyy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_1200_military_wounded_since_beginning_of_ato_324504

Militants kill 5 at Luhansk senior home, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue to shell Luhansk houses and social facilities, killing civilians. On Monday, during the shelling of the local nursing home they killed five older people, the press office of Luhansk City Council said in a statement.

"As a result of a non-stop shelling of the city 5 civilians have been killed (they were all from a senior home), eight civilians have been injured," the report reads.

According to the local authorities, except for the senior home, the terrorists also attacked an academic building and dormitories of the Medical University, a hospital, Lenin Plant (Luhanskipatron).

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_kill_5_at_luhansk_senior_home_324510

Seventeen civilians, including three children, killed in gunfire in Horlivka in past 24 hours, 29.07.2014

In the past 24 hours 17 civilians, including three children, were killed in Horlivka and 43 were injured, Horlivka City Council said on Tuesday.

"In the past 24 hours 17 Horlivka residents died in artillery fire at the city center. Three children were among them [people killed] and 43 civilians were injured, they have been provided with medical care necessary," the Horlivka city council press office said in a statement on Tuesday.

Three-day mourning is declared in the city due to these tragic events from July 28.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215876.html>

Forty-four Ukrainian soldiers injured in July 28 fighting in eastern Ukraine - Defense Ministry, 29.07.2014

Forty-four Ukrainian servicemen were injured during the anti-terrorist operation in Ukraine's eastern regions on July 28, the director of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry's military medicine department, Vitaliy Andronatyy, said at a press briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

"Forty-four injured [soldiers] were admitted to our hospitals yesterday," he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215897.html>

Ukraine loses 10 servicemen in fighting, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Over the past 24 hours in battles with Russian mercenaries and terrorists 10 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed, another 55 injured, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defence Council Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

"As a result of the fighting 10 servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine have been killed, 55 Ukrainian soldiers have been injured," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_10_servicemen_in_fighting_324516

Civilians killed in eastern Ukraine amid fierce fighting, 29.07.2014

(Reuters) - Intense fighting between Ukrainian troops and pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine killed at least 19 civilians, local officials said on Tuesday, as Kiev pressed an offensive to close in on the separatists.

Ukrainian forces have been pushing rebel units back towards their two main urban strongholds of Donetsk and Luhansk and have sought to encircle them in several places, including in the wider area where a Malaysian airliner crashed on July 17.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/us-ukraine-crisis-east-idUSKBN0FY00X20140729>

Azov says about liberation of Novy Svit near Donetsk, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The Azov battalion with support of the Ukrainian military took under its control the town of Novy Svit near Donetsk.

Press Secretary of the battalion Ihor Mosiychuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"This night and in the morning positional battles were waged between the Azov battalion, the 39th battalion of territorial defense and a group of terrorists, located in the town of Novy Svit... As a result of the battle, as of the moment, the town of Novy Svit is under full control of the battalion Azov and Ukrainian military. A column of terrorists left the town and it maneuvers in the suburbs," Mosiychuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/azov_says_about_liberation_of_novy_svit_near_donetsk_324530

Special Report: Where Ukraine's separatists get their weapons, 29.07.2014

(Reuters) - In an interview with Reuters last week, a separatist leader said that Russia may have supplied the separatists with BUK rockets, which were used to shoot down Malaysia Airlines flight MH17. The destruction of the civilian passenger plane over eastern Ukraine on July 17 killed nearly 300 people.

Alexander Khodakovsky, commander of the Vostok Battalion, told Reuters: "I knew that a BUK came from Luhansk (in east Ukraine) ... I heard about it. I think they sent it back. Because I found out about it at exactly the moment that I found out that this tragedy (of MH17) had taken place. They probably sent it back in order to remove proof of its presence."

Three U.S. government officials said the weapons flow from Russia increased dramatically several weeks ago in response to successes by Ukrainian government forces, including the recapture of Slaviansk, a separatist stronghold in eastern Ukraine. The new shipments included anti-aircraft systems designed to combat Ukraine's air power, those officials said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/us-ukraine-crisis-arms-specialreport-idUSKBN0FY0UA20140729>

Terrorists refuse to delouse Stirol, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists are not going to make contact for admission of sappers to Horlivka for demining the Stirol plant and the ammonia pipe to avoid an environmental disaster.

Spokesman of the Information-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko briefed, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_refuse_to_delouse_stirol_324522

Russian artillery helps terrorists counterattack Savur-Mohyla - NSDC, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The Russian troops provide terrorists with fire support using Grad multiple rocket launchers as they counterattack Ukrainian army positions on the strategic height Savur-Mohyla, spokesman for the information and analytical center of the National Security and Defence Council Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

"According to the State Border Guard Service, the fire support for terrorists near Savur-Mohyla came from Russian soldiers near the village of Novoaleksandrovscoe," the spokesman said.

According to him, the multiple rocket launchers, firing at the positions of the Ukrainian troops, were located almost on the border (200-300 m from the state border - ed.).

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_artillery_helps_terrorists_counterattack_savur_mohyla_nsdc_324524

Two districts of Donetsk come under fire - city council, 29.07.2014

Leninsky and Kyivsky districts of Donetsk were seriously damaged by artillery attacks last night, the press service for Donetsk City Council reported on Tuesday.

Emergency services have arrived to try and battle the fires. There is currently no information on casualties.

There is information that city infrastructure was damaged.

"Gas pipelines in the Kyivsky and Leninsky districts were damaged. In Kyivsky district, a shell damaged a power line, which left four substations without power. Fifty-four residential buildings are now without power," the press service reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215943.html>

Donetsk orphans arrive alive and unharmed - Lutkovska, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. No live ordnance hit the bus carrying the orphans from the Donetsk orphanage to Mariupol. All children are alive and unharmed.

Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Valeria Lutkovska told a news conference.

"Yes, indeed, there was the firing of the bus, but not focused on that bus, and the shell exploded near ... All the kids, who went by bus from Donetsk, arrived in Mariupol live and intact jointly with the teachers," Lutkovska said.

The Health Ministry also confirmed this to Ukrinform. "Children arrived in Mariupol. All alive," the Ministry's press service informed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_orphans_arrive_alive_and_unharmmed_lutkovska_324534

Donetsk residents watch TV Channel 5 again, 29.07.2014

KYIV, July 29 /Ukrinform/. The TV Channel 5 started broadcasting in Donetsk again. The press service of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting informs.

"Thanks to incredible efforts of the television information sphere specialists, the TV Channel 5 resumed broadcasting in Donetsk today," a report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_residents_watch_tv_channel_5_again_324536

Terrorists want negotiations again, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. The "government" of the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic" (DPR) assures that it proposed the unilateral ceasefire and the start of negotiations with the Ukrainian authorities.

"Vice Premier" of the so-called "DPR government" Andrey Purgin told OstroV.

"I repeatedly say that the "DPR" and the "LPR" ("Luhansk People's Republic") leaders are ready for negotiations, as well as confirm their readiness to ensure the safety of Dutch and Australian experts for their smooth operation at the crash site of the Malaysian Boeing," Purgin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_want_negotiations_again_324560

One serviceman killed, 11 injured in eastern Ukraine over last 24 hours, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. One Ukrainian serviceman has been killed and 11 injured in eastern Ukraine over the last 24 hours.

National Security and Defense Council information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Wednesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_serviceman_killed_11_injured_in_eastern_ukraine_over_last_24_hours_324576

Terrorists damage rescue equipment on millions of hryvnia, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Losses of the State Emergency Service through the technique broken by terrorists in Donbas currently represent about UAH 4.6 million. Chairman of the State Emergency Service Serhiy Bochkovsky told a press briefing on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"The State Emergency Service has suffered from detrimental actions of terrorists in the amount of UAH 4.6 million, and this is only with the technology. In Donetsk region - UAH 2.2 million, and in Luhansk region - UAH 2.4 million," Bochkovsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_damage_rescue_equipment_on_millions_of_hryvnia_324596

129 sick children evacuated from ATO zone, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. June 29, 81 children were evacuated from the Donetsk regional and Donetsk city children's homes to Mariupol. Another 48 children were taken from Makiyivka to Kramatorsk today, some of whom are HIV-positive.

Advisor to the Interior Minister Zorian Shkiriak said.

"Now, all 129 children are in complete safety. They arrived at their destination and are under the supervision of doctors and under the wards of the state," the Interior Ministry press service quotes Shkiriak. The Adviser noted that all evacuated children are in full safety.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/129_sick_children_evacuated_from_ato_zone_324607

Russia again organizes night terrorism against ATO forces, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists last night fired with mortars and rocket artillery at residential areas and positions of Ukrainian troops in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO), head of the Center for Military and Political Studies and coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk has reported on his Facebook page. In particular, a tactical group of the ATO forces in the border area came under mortar fire from Russian territory. There are no casualties.

"The positions of security forces near the settlements of Avdiyivka, Chervonopartyzansk (from Russian territory) and the Marynivka border crossing point came under mortar fire. A tactical group of the ATO forces in the border area was also fired on with mortars from Russian territory. There are no casualties among government forces in all cases," Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_again_organizes_night_terrorism_against_ato_forces_324618

Ukrainian warplanes make 11 operational flights in ATO area, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian warplanes performed 11 combat missions in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) for the past 24 hours, head of the Center for Military-Political Studies, co-ordinator of the Information Resistance Group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page on Thursday.

"The aviation and artillery of the Armed Forces of Ukraine were used in the ATO area, outside of settlements. Pilots flew 11 missions (including 2 for medical evacuation). Artillery made 24 barrages. Manpower and armored vehicles of the terrorists were destroyed," Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_warplanes_make_11_operational_flights_in_ato_area_324625

Ukraine loses 11 more servicemen in ATO area, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Eleven Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and another 51 injured over the last 24 hours in fighting with Russian mercenaries who are terrorizing people in the Donbas.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Eleven servicemen have been killed and 51 injured in the fighting over the last 24 hours," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_11_more_servicemen_in_ato_area_324650

Over 360 soldiers killed in east Ukraine since start of operation - NSDC, 31.07.2014

A total of 363 soldiers have been killed and 1,434 injured since the military operation began in mid-April, said Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for the National Security and Defense Council.

"In all, 363 Ukrainian troops have been killed and 1,434 injured," Lysenko said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216202.html>

Three civilians killed, another seven injured in Luhansk over past 24 hours - city authorities, 31.07.2014

Three civilians have been killed and another seven have been injured in Luhansk, eastern Ukraine, over the past 24 hours as a result of continuing fighting, the city administration said on its Web site.

"As a result of continuing strikes against the city, three civilians, including a 15-year-old teenager, have been killed and another seven residents of Luhansk have been injured. Ambulances have responded to 84 calls in the past 24 hours," it said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216234.html>

National Guard servicemen destroy three roadblocks of militants, freeing Pervomaisk, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian National Guard servicemen have destroyed three roadblocks of militants near Debaltseve, Donetsk region.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

He added that the fight for the liberation of Pervomaisk in Luhansk region was currently underway.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_guard_servicemen_destroy_three_roadblocks_of_militants_freing_pervomaisk_324656

Luhansk is fully without power - mayor's office, 31.07.2014

Another power line was damaged in the fighting in Luhansk on Thursday, as a result of which the city was fully left without power, the city council has reported.

"Another line, that provides power to the city from Krasnodon, was damaged in the continuing attacks on the regional center. As a result, Luhansk was fully left without power," the city council reported on Thursday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216353.html>

Thirty civilians killed in fighting in Horlivka - city council, 31.07.2014

Thirty civilians have been killed and forty sustained fragmentation wounds in fighting in Horlivka, the Horlivka City Council has reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216365.html>

MH17 crash in Ukraine

Plane crash of Boeing-777: Bodies of perished people are scattered in 4 km away, "DPR" does not let rescuers pass, 17.07.2014

The airplane of Malaysian airlines Boeing-777, crashed in the Donetsk Oblast, exploded in air.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940968-plane-crash-of-boeing-777-bodies-of-perished-people-are-scattered-in-4-km-away-dpr-does-not-let-rescuers-pass.html>

Plane crash of Boeing-777 in Donetsk Oblast is terroristic act – Poroshenko, 17.07.2014

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said that a downing of Malaysian airplane is a terroristic act. REUTERS He said this during the meeting with leaders of the factions and groups of the parliament. According to his words, he has just finished a telephone talk with the Prime Minister of Holland and expressed condolences over this tragedy. Poroshenko said that on behalf of the Ukrainian people he invited Dutch experts to transparent and overall investigation of this terroristic act. "I would like to draw attention that we call this not an incident, not a catastrophe, we call it the terroristic act", - said Poroshenko.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940952-plane-crash-of-boeing-777-in-donetsk-oblast-is-terroristic-act-poroshenko.html>

U.S. official: U.S. government doesn't think Ukraine has air defenses in region where plane was shot down, 17.07.2014

By CNN chief Washington correspondent Jake Tapper

(CNN) - A U.S. official tells CNN that the administration does not think the government of Ukraine has air defenses in the region where Malaysia Airlines Flight

17 was shot down and crashed, though Ukraine may have those air defenses in other parts of the country.

That leads the administration to conclude that Ukraine did not have the capability, let alone the motivation, to shoot down the plane.

The official also tells CNN that tomorrow will see the Obama administration attempting to "internationalize" the wreckage site, with the international community pressuring the pro-Russian militias to allow others from outside countries to see the site to inspect the damage and determine the cause of the crash.

<http://thelead.blogs.cnn.com/2014/07/17/ukraine-no-air-defenses-mh17-crash-region/>

Lufthansa, Air France, "Aeroflot", "Transaero" and Turkish Airlines suspend flight above Ukraine, 17.07.2014

Leadership of a range of airlines made decisions to suspend flights above the territory of Ukraine. radioscanner.ru In particular, now it is known that the following airlines suspend flights above Ukraine: Lufthansa, Air France, "Aeroflot", "Transaero" and Turkish Airlines. According to information of airlines, routes of scheduled flights will be changed and will be carried out in a way to avoid the Ukrainian airspace.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/940962-lufthansa-air-france-aeroflot-transaero-and-turkish-airlines-suspend-flight-above-ukraine.html>

MH17 crash in Ukraine: Nine Britons on board - airline, 18.07.2014

Two football fans and a worker from the World Health Organization were among the UK passengers on Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, it has been confirmed.

Some 298 people were on the Boeing 777 flight to Kuala Lumpur, which crashed in eastern Ukraine after taking off from Amsterdam.

At least nine Britons were passengers on the flight, the airline has said.

UK Prime Minister David Cameron said the crash was an "appalling, shocking, horrific incident".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28358968>

Poroshenko: Hybrid war acquires irrefutable signs of external aggression, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have killed almost 300 persons with one shot, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said in his address on the crash of the Malaysian Airlines plane.

"Today, war has gone beyond the territory of Ukraine. Consequences of this war have already reached the whole world. Tragedy that has taken place today in the sky of Donetsk deeply shocks even against the usual backdrop of sad and dramatic events caused by the actions of aggressors and militants in the Donbas," Poroshenko said.

"Today, terrorists have killed almost 300 persons with one shot. Among them are women, children, citizens of different countries of the world.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_hybrid_war_acquires_irrefutable_signs_of_external_aggression_323940

Ukrainian army didn't down Malaysian plane - NSDC, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. The Armed Forces of Ukraine are not related to the crash of the Malaysian Airlines plane over Donbas, National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing at Ukrinform on Thursday.

"Today, the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 flying en route Amsterdam - Kuala Lumpur disappeared from radar screens at approximately 16.00. In recent days, it is the third tragic accident after the An-26 and Su-25 aircraft of the Armed Forces of Ukraine were downed from the Russian territory. We do not exclude that this aircraft was also shot down, and note that the Armed Forces of Ukraine did not carry out any action with respect to hitting targets in the air," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_army_didnt_down_malaysian_plane_nsd_323942

U.S. demands cease-fire to probe into Boeing 777 crash, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. The United States is shocked by the downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH 17, reads a statement issued by the White House on July 17.

"It is critical that there be a full, credible, and unimpeded international investigation as quickly as possible. We urge all concerned - Russia, the pro-Russian separatists, and Ukraine - to support an immediate cease-fire in order to ensure safe and unfettered access to the crash site for international investigators and in order to facilitate the recovery of remains," the message reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_demands_ceil_fire_to_probe_into_boeing_777_crash_323944

Rescuers find bodies of 121 passengers from downed Boeing 777, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian rescuers have found 121 bodies of the passengers killed in the Malaysian Boeing 777 crash, the State Emergencies Service of Ukraine (SESU) said in a statement on Friday.

"As of 07.00, July 18 we have found 121 bodies at the crash site," the report reads. SESU officials noted that the search operation is hampered by militants.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rescuers_find_bodies_of_121_passengers_from_downed_boeing_777_323946

Militants promise access to Boeing 777 fragments, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists of the so-called "Donetsk People's Republic" (DNR) during a video conference with the Tripartite Group (Ukraine, Russia and OSCE) promised not to obstruct the investigation of the crash of the Malaysian Airlines Boeing MH17, the OSCE told BBC.

The militants promised to allow rescuers to begin preparation works on the victims identification.

The OSCE stated that the terrorists should guarantee access to the crash site and the safety of the state commission and experts of the organization who investigate the causes of the crash.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_promise_access_to_boeing_777_fragments_323951

Militants will not cease fire for investigation into Boeing, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. One of militants' leaders in Ukraine's east Igor Girkin ("Strelak") has no intention to cease fire for investigation into the Boeing crash.

The terrorist resources inform.

According to the "Strelak," the impact location is in the deep rear of militants and the investigation will not be hampered.

"The armed hostilities will continue on whole front and it is inappropriate to stop the military action against the surrounded enemy group," the "Strelak" said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_will_not_ceil_fire_for_investigation_into_boeing_323953

<http://www.unian.info/politics/941108-rebels-are-not-about-to-stop-hostilities-for-investigation-of-crash-of-boeing-777.html>

Boeing 777 second flight recorder recovered on scene - Reuters, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Rescue workers recovered a second flight recorder of the Malaysian Airlines MH 17 plane downed by the pro-Russian terrorists in Donbas on Friday, Reuters reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/boeing_777_second_flight_recorder_recovered_on_scene_reuters_323960

Yatseniuk: Russians end up in bad way, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Yatseniuk requires judging the leaders of the Russian Federation in the international tribunal.

"The Russians end up in a bad way. This is an international crime for which it is necessary to sit in The Hague. And in the international tribunal - there are a lot of places there, enough room for all," he stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_russians_end_up_in_bad_way_323963

In London and Washington Ukrainians hold mass-meeting near embassy of RF due to tragedy of Boeing-777, 18.07.2014

In London Ukrainians started urgent mass-meeting near the Embassy of the Russian Federation due to the fact that terrorists shot down a passenger airplane Boeing-777 in the Donetsk Oblast. [facebook.com/chrystyna.chymera](https://www.facebook.com/chrystyna.chymera) According to VIDIA, activists accuse President of Russia Vladimir Putin of the act of terror. "Putin is murderer. Three airplanes were shot down above Ukraine less than for 24 hours. Two Ukrainian military airplanes and now – passenger airplane", - it is said in an appeal to action, publicized at the page of London Euromaidan on Facebook.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/941115-in-london-and-washington-ukrainians-hold-mass-meeting-near-embassy-of-rf-due-to-tragedy-of-boeing-777.html>

Malaysia sends experts to Ukraine for investigation of catastrophe, 18.07.2014

Authorities of Malaysia sent a group of experts to east of Ukraine for investigation of the reasons of crash of Boeing-777 of Malaysia Airlines. REUTERS "BBC-Ukraine" reports this, reminding that Ukraine formed a special commission for investigation of the crash.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/941162-malaysia-sends-experts-to-ukraine-for-investigation-of-catastrophe.html>

SBU detains two Russians suspected in fire adjustment from Buk missile system, 18.07.2014

Two citizens of the RF – fire spotters from Buk missile system- were detained on the border with Russian in the Donetsk Oblast. UNIAN According to an UNIAN correspondent, chairman of the SBU Valentyn Nalyvaychenko said this at news conference. "Terrorists lacked fire spotters for crew of "Buk". Two citizens of Russia were detained by border guards and the SBU in one of the districts of the Ukrainian-Russian border in the Donetsk Oblast. Both of them have Russian passports, one of them hit upon coming with a military registration card, where his profession is noted - fire spotter", - said Nalyvaychenko.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/941305-sbu-detains-two-russians-suspected-in-fire-adjustment-from-buk-missile-system.html>

Ukraine closes airspace in eastern regions, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine closed the airspace in some eastern regions of Ukraine. The Infrastructure Ministry press service informs.

"The State Aviation Service since yesterday, following information about the crash of Boeing 777 in Donetsk region was confirmed, fully closed the airspace for flights in Donetsk, Luhansk and partially Kharkiv regions," the Ministry noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_closes_airspace_in_eastern_regions_323965

Proceedings instituted upon downed Boeing, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. A criminal proceeding was opened upon the fall of the passenger aircraft in eastern Ukraine.

A Ukrinform correspondent learned about this from the sources in the police.

"Information about the event is included in the Unified Register of pre-trial investigations by the Shakhtarsk district department of the Interior Ministry Main Department in Donetsk region," the source said.

According to him, the pre-trial investigation began under the Article on the terrorist act of the Criminal Code (Part 3, Article 258).

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/proceedings_instituted_upon_downed_boeing_323967

Terrorists move Buk missile system that hit Boeing 777 to Russia, official says, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Last night the pro-Russian militants moved to Russia the Buk anti-aircraft missile system, from which the Malaysian Boeing 777 could be hit, Interior Minister's advisor Anton Herashchenko wrote on his Facebook page on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_move_buk_missile_system_that_hit_boeing_777_to_russia_official_says_323978

Ukrainian specialists jointly with OSCE make their way to Boeing crash site, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine jointly with the international community will hold an independent investigation to find all those involved in the incident with the downed aircraft of the Malaysian Airlines in Donetsk region.

Prime Minister Yatseniuk said at the government meeting.

"We have begun an independent investigation and appealed to the appropriate governments to hold an international investigation into this terrible tragedy, which certainly is a terrorist act. Now, these thugs do not still allow our National Agency for the investigation of aircraft accidents to the scene of the tragedy, and now together with law enforcers and the OSCE, we do everything to ensure that the Commission to investigate into this tragedy reached the place" Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_specialists_jointly_with_osce_make_their_way_to_boeing_crash_site_323980

Foreign ministry: Boeing 777 flight recorders must remain in Ukraine, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not confirm reports about the possible removal of flight recorders belonging to the downed Boeing 777 to Russia and notes that they must remain on the territory of Ukraine.

Director of the Department of Consular Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andriy Sibiga said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday.

"With regard to the so-called black boxes or flight recorders, according to all rules of international law, they must be in the state where the incident occurred. Therefore moving them abroad is illegally," the diplomat emphasized.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_boeing_777_flight_recorders_must_remain_in_ukraine_323987

Interior Minister Avakov: One missile lacks on Buk en route to Russia, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. Secret surveillance units of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry this morning have recorded a caterpillar tractor with the Buk missile system on it, moving via Krasnodon towards Russia, Interior Minister Arsen Avakov posted this information and a video on his Facebook page on Friday.

"Uncovered missiles can be seen on the video. There are two missiles - the medium one is not visible.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/interior_minister_avakov_one_missile_lacks_on_buk_en_route_to_russia_video_323989

80 children, 3 infants on board of downed Boeing 777, 18.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. There were 80 children among the victims of the crashed Boeing 777, according to The Independent newspaper.

"Nine Britons, 23 US citizens and 80 children are reported to be among the 298 people killed when a Malaysia Airlines jet crashed near the eastern Ukraine border on Thursday," the article says.

The adjusted number of passengers - three more than originally reported - appeared after receiving information that on the plane there were three babies: two Malaysians and one Indonesian toddler.

The passengers on the flight included 154 Dutch, 27 Australians, 38 Malaysians - including 15 crew, 11 people from Indonesia, four Germans, four Belgians, three from the Philippines and one Canadian.

Among the passengers there was a large delegation of AIDS experts. They went to a conference in Australia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/80_children_3_infants_on_board_of_downed_boeing_777_323993

Now rebel commander blamed for downing MH17 says 'bodies aren't fresh' claiming corpses at crash site have been 'dead for days', 19.07.2014

By WILLS ROBINSON

The rebel commander blamed for shooting down flight MH17 has made bizarre claims that bodies at the crash site 'aren't fresh'.

Pro-Russian separatist Igor Girkin has claimed corpses near the debris died days before the plane took off.

According to rebel website Russkaya Vesna, the leader was told by people at the scene in eastern Ukraine that 'a significant number of the bodies were drained of blood and reeked of decomposition.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2697895/Now-rebel-commander-blamed-downing-MH17-says-bodies-aren-t-fresh-claims-corpses-dead-days.html?ito=social-facebook>

Nalyvaichenko: Terrorists agree on 20-sq. km. security area around Boeing crash scene, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The security forces managed to agree with terrorists on the possibility of working at the scene of crash of the Malaysian Boeing-777 plane in Donetsk region, Chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Valentyn Nalyvaichenko told the Shuster-LIVE talk show on Friday.

"Tripartite talks decided that there are 20 square kilometers for Ukraine to fulfil humane mission, take the bodies, give them to their relatives. For this it has been agreed on 20 square kilometers, a specific area, and we hope that the terrorists will let us work. The tripartite group includes representatives of Russia, and let them finally keep their word," the head of the security service said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nalyvaichenko_terrorists_agree_on_20_sq_km_security_area_around_boeing_crash_scene_324011

Russia-led terrorists attempt to destroy evidence of Boeing 777 plane crash – Government of Ukraine, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The Russia-led terrorists are preventing access of the international community and foreign governments to the scene where the Malaysian Airlines airplane crashed on July 17, and are obstructing the launch of an investigation, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine said in a statement on Saturday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_led_terrorists_attempt_to_destroy_evidence_of_boeing_777_plane_crash_government_of_ukraine_324013

Russians servicing terrorists' anti-aircraft systems fleeing Ukraine, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. Six buses with Russian specialists servicing anti-aircraft systems of the separatists left Lugansk for Krasnodon, a Ukrinform reporter learned this from Dmytro Snehiriov, the leader of the Prava Sprava organization.

"After the crash of the Malaysian passenger jet, Russia decided to withdraw all of its missile and electronic engineering experts. Today a column of six buses under the protection of armed militants moved from Lugansk to the south-east, towards the border with Russia. The crossing is planned to be made bypassing the checkpoints near the village of Velyky Sukhodil in Krasnodon district," Snehiriov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russians_servicing_terrorists_anti_aircraft_systems_fleeing_ukraine_324014

Militants steal 37 bodies of downed Boeing 777 passengers, move them to Donetsk morgue, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The militants kidnapped last night the remains of 37 passengers of the Malaysian Boeing 777 downed on Thursday and forced the staff of Donetsk forensic bureau to start the identification procedure, Donetsk Regional State Administration reported on its temporary website.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_steal_37_bodies_of_downed_boeing_777_passengers_move_them_to_donetsk_morgue_324015

PM Yatseniuk: Government making everything possible to investigate Boeing 777 crash, 19.07.2014

KYIV, July 19 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian government is taking every possible effort for a speedy investigation into the crash of the Boeing-777 near Torez in Donetsk region, involving Malaysian experts, Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said in a phone call with his Malaysian counterpart Najib Tun Razak on Saturday, according to the Government portal.

"The Prime Minister assured his counterpart that the Ukrainian government is doing everything possible to promptly begin works on the investigation of the events related to the crash of the aircraft together with Malaysian experts," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_yatseniuk_government_making_everything_possible_to_investigate_boeing_777_crash_324019

Athlete, football fans, vacationing family among Malaysia Airlines crash victims, 19.07.2014

By Thom Patterson, Ray Sanchez and AnneClaire Stapleton CNN

The passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 came from around the world and held a wide range of hopes and dreams. While the identities of the 298 people aboard have not been release by the airline, CNN has been able to confirm some of them via family, friends and social media.

(CNN) -- A nun, an international athlete and a family traveling on summer vacation.

The victims aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 came from around the world and held a wide range of hopes and dreams.

Their stories are being shared online, in traditional media and among friends and loved ones of passengers aboard the Boeing 777, which was shot down by unknown attackers Thursday in a rebel-controlled part of eastern Ukraine.

The identities of all the 298 passengers on board the flight, which had the airline code MH17, have not been released by the airline.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/07/18/world/mourning-mh17/index.html>

Terrorists put forward conditions for admission of experts to Boeing crash scene, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists, supported by Russia, named conditions for admission of international experts to the crash scene of passenger plane MH17 of Malaysian Airlines, shot down over Donetsk region.

"We declare that we guarantee the safety of international experts as soon as Kyiv concludes a ceasefire agreement," the agency quotes the words of "Deputy Prime Minister" of the "government of the DPR (Donetsk People's Republic)" Andrey Purgin.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_put_forward_conditions_for_admission_of_experts_to_boeing_crash_scene_324024

Rescuers find 196 bodies from downed Boeing, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. 196 bodies of crash victims of Malaysian Boeing 777, shot down by terrorists on July 17, have been already found in Donbas.

The press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine reports.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rescuers_find_196_bodies_from_downed_boeing_324026

Kerry to Lavrov: Investigators must get access to Ukraine crash site, 20.07.2014

KYIV, July 20 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in a phone call with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov urged the Russian side to exert more pressure on pro-Russian separatists with the aim of de-escalation of the conflict, as well as for international investigation to be held into the shot down passenger plane.

As the U.S. Department of State informs, a phone call took place on Saturday, a special correspondent of Ukrinform reports.

"Kerry urged Russia to take immediate and clear actions to reduce tensions in Ukraine," in particular, "to call on pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine to lay down arms, release all hostages and engage in a political dialogue toward peace with the Ukrainian government; to halt the flow of weapons and fighters into eastern Ukraine; and to allow OSCE observers to help secure the border," the State Department stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kerry_to_lavrov_investigators_must_get_access_to_ukraine_crash_site_324030

West toughens calls on Russia to cooperate over downed Malaysian plane, 20.07.2014

(Reuters) - Ukraine accused Russia and pro-Moscow rebels on Saturday of destroying evidence to cover up their guilt in the shooting down of a Malaysian airliner that has intensified a showdown between the Kremlin and Western powers.

As militants kept international monitors away from wreckage and scores of bodies festered for a fourth day on Sunday, Russian President Vladimir Putin urged the rebels to cooperate and insisted that a U.N.-mandated investigation must not leap to conclusions. Moscow denies involvement and has pointed a finger at Kiev's military.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/20/us-ukraine-crisis-airplane-idUSKBN0FP02O20140720>

U.S. has evidence of Russia's involvement in terrorist attack against Boeing - Kerry, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. The United States has an enormous amount of evidence that points to Russia's involvement in the tragedy with a Malaysia Airlines passenger plane that was shot down over Ukraine.

U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry said this in an interview with CBS television channel on Sunday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"There's enormous amount of evidence, even more evidence than I just documented, that points to the involvement of Russia in providing these [anti-aircraft missile] systems, training the people on them. We know that the separatists have shot down 12 aircraft in the last couple of months, among them two transport planes," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_has_evidence_of_russias_involvement_in_terrorist_attack_against_boeing_kerry_324041

Putin cannot sleep - he delivers video message at night, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin said about the need for humanitarian corridors for complete safety of work of the International Commission at the crash site of the passenger Boeing 777 of Malaysian Airlines, downed by terrorists near Torez.

He said in his night video message, circulated by the Kremlin press service.

"It is essential that a full team of experts under the ICAO auspices, the relevant international commission were working at the crash site. It is necessary to make everything to ensure its complete, absolute security, to ensure humanitarian corridors needed for its work," he said.

Putin still assigns guilt for this tragedy to Ukrainian authorities. Specifically, he stated with confidence that this tragedy would not have happened, "if the fighting in eastern Ukraine have not been recovered June 28."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_cannot_sleep_he_delivers_video_message_at_night_324045

Bodies of 251 people from downed Boeing found, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. On the crash site of the Boeing 777 of Malaysian Airlines, downed by terrorists, bodies of 251 people were found and 66 fragments of bodies. The press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine informs.

"As of 7:21 a.m., July 21, bodies of 251 victims and 66 fragments of bodies were found, which were delivered and loaded into refrigerator cars on the Torez railway station," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bodies_of_251_people_from_downed_boeing_found_324047

Australian PM reassures Poroshenko of international support, 21.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has spoken to Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbot and stressed that the international police mission could be helpful in the independent inquiry into the crash of the Malaysia Airlines' Boeing 777 jet crash, according to the press office of the Ukrainian head of state.

Poroshenko thanked Abbot for "initiating the issue of approving the UN SC (United Nations Security Council) resolution and sending a UN civilian police mission to Ukraine," the press office said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214596.html>

London to seek EU sanctions against Russian defense industry - agency, 21.07.2014

British Prime Minister David Cameron has said he is planning to push the European Union to accelerate existing sanctions against Russia and ban the export of defense equipment to the country, Bloomberg has reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214582.html>

Special plane from Netherlands delivers to Kharkiv equipment for transporting crash victims' bodies, 21.07.2014

A group of international experts has begun working in Kharkiv on investigating the Malaysian plane crash, the presidential press service has reported.

"President Petro Poroshenko has ordered that a presidential plane be provided to the international experts and 14 experts arrived in Kharkiv on Monday morning, which made it possible for them to start working immediately. Two planes, a special board from the Netherlands carrying a humanitarian mission (special equipment and coffins) and seven experts, have also arrived in Kharkiv," the report says.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214599.html>

Poroshenko orders ceasefire around Boeing 777 plane crash site, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has instructed Ukrainian law enforcement officers to cease hostilities and operations within a 40-kilometer radius of the Malaysian Boeing 777 airliner crash site, the president's press secretary, Sviatoslav Tseholko, has reported on his Twitter page.

"Poroshenko: Ukrainian servicemen will not open fire within a 40-kilometer radius (of the crash site of the plane)," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_orders_ceasefire_around_boeing_777_plane_crash_site_324069

Yatseniuk: Kyiv has proof missile fired at Malaysia Airlines Boeing from militant-controlled territory, 21.07.2014

Ukraine has proof that members of illegal armed groups in southeastern Ukraine possess air defense missile launchers and there are photographs of a missile launch from the area under their control, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

"We have photographs of a missile launch," the premier said at a press briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214605.html>

MH17 wreckage is peppered with signs of shrapnel, 21.07.2014

The wreckage of Flight MH17 shows damage indicating that it was struck by a missile close to a forward cargo area of the plane, experts said yesterday after studying photographs taken by *The Times* at the crash scene.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4153074.ece>

Another 31 bodies of victims found on Boeing 777 crash site - State Commission, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Bodies of 31 victims and 21 fragments of bodies of plane passengers were found on the crash site on July 21.

The press service of the Regional Development, Construction and Utilities Ministry informs with reference to data of the State Commission for investigation into the air crash.

"Overall, as of 12:00, July 21, 2014, 282 bodies of victims and 87 fragments of bodies were found and properly packed on the crash site. 251 bodies and 66 fragments were loaded into refrigerators (railway cars)," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_31_bodies_of_victims_found_on_boeing_777_crash_site_state_commission_324083

Australian PM to Putin: 'No reasonable person could object to resolution on Boeing', 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott has urged member states of the UN Security Council, including Russia, to support a resolution clearing access to the remains of Malaysia Airlines MH17, the Australian has reported.

"Decency and justice requires that this resolution be carried by acclamation," he said.

When asked how Australia would view a Russian veto, Abbott replied: "Very, very badly."

"We will do our best to craft a resolution which, under the circumstances, no reasonable person could object to," he said, addressing Russian President Vladimir Putin.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/australian_pm_to_putin_no_reasonable_person_could_object_to_resolution_on_boeing_324086

Malaysian airliner crash to be probed in Netherlands - Poroshenko, 21.07.2014

The investigation into the crash of the Malaysian airliner in Donetsk region will be held in the Netherlands, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said.

"Yesterday, after a conversation with the Dutch prime minister, I ordered the head of the investigation commission, Deputy Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman, and Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin to ensure the immediate repatriation of the bodies and the holding of investigative measures by the ICAO-led commission in the Netherlands," he said after visiting the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ukraine on Monday.

"We received assurances that the Netherlands will provide maximum assistance to the actions of this investigative commission," he added.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214644.html>

Militants steal diplomatic mail aboard Malaysian plane – NSDC, 21.07.2014

Illegal armed units have stolen diplomatic mail that was on board the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 that crashed in Donetsk region on July 17.

"The terrorists stole personal documents of the passengers and crew members that they found during their search and rescue work. In particular, Russian mercenaries stole diplomatic mail carried by this aircraft," Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council representative Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214676.html>

U.S. intelligence practically proves Putin's guilt - The Times, 21.07.2014

KYIV, July 21 /Ukrinform/. U.S. intelligence data have put Russia "in the dock" as missile systems that shot down a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet in eastern Ukraine were transferred to militants from Russia, Britain's Times newspaper reported.

"Russia sent powerful rocket launchers to the separatists who shot down a Malaysia Airlines passenger plane, the United States claimed last night," reads the article.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_intelligence_practically_proves_putins_guilt_the_times_324092

UN Security Council unanimously passes resolution on Malaysian jet crash in Ukraine's east, 21.07.2014

The United Nations Security Council on Monday unanimously passed a resolution condemning the downing of a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 aircraft in Ukraine's east. The draft resolution was tabled by Australia. The document includes excerpts prepared by Russia.

According to the airlines, the victims list includes 192 Dutch nationals, one of them being also a U.S. citizen, 44 Malaysian citizens, among them 15 crewmembers, 27 Australians, 12 citizens of Indonesia, ten Britons, one of them being also a South African, as well as four Germans, four Belgians, three Filipinos, one Canadian, and one citizen of New Zealand.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/214732.html>

MH17 crash: FT photo shows signs of damage from missile strike, 21.07.2014

The first apparent hard evidence that Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was brought down by a surface-to-air missile is emerging from the crash site in eastern Ukraine, after experts confirmed on Monday there were signs of shrapnel damage to the aircraft. The photograph above, first published by the Financial Times over the weekend, shows a piece of the downed Boeing 777 about a metre square with a gaping hole in the middle, surrounded by smaller holes and apparent burn marks.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/1d6a9ac2-10e3-11e4-b116-00144feabdc0.html#axzz38BCQv5Ft>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ft_malaysian_boeing_downed_by_surface_to_air_missile_photo_324127

WRAPUP 2-Bodies, black boxes handed over from Ukraine crash site, 22.07.2014

DONETSK, Ukraine July 22 (Reuters) - A train carrying the remains of some of the nearly 300 victims of the Malaysia Airlines plane downed over Ukraine was heading for Ukrainian government territory on Tuesday as a separatist leader handed over the plane's black boxes to Malaysian experts.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte told a news conference on Monday that the train carrying around 200 body bags was on its way to rebel-held Donetsk and then to Kharkiv, which is in Ukrainian government hands, from where the bodies would be taken back to the Netherlands to be identified.

The train left the crash site after the Malaysian prime minister reached agreement with the separatists for recovered bodies to be handed over to authorities in the Netherlands, where the largest number of victims came from.

Early on Tuesday, senior separatist leader Aleksander Borodai handed over the black boxes in the city of Donetsk.

"Here they are, the black boxes," Borodai told a room packed with journalists at the headquarters of his self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic as an armed rebel placed the boxes on a desk.

Colonel Mohamed Sakri of the Malaysian National Security Council told the meeting the two black boxes were "in good condition".

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/22/ukraine-crisis-idUSL2N0PW23C20140722>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fragments_of_boeing_777_victims_to_be_delivered_to_amsterdam_for_examination_324110

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_hand_over_boeing_777_flight_recorders_to_malaysia_video_324112

Downed Boeing wreckage cut into - OSCE, 22.07.2014

KYIV, July 22 /Ukrinform/. A member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's team of international observers, Michael Bociurkiw, has said it appears that part of the wreckage of the Malaysia Airlines passenger jet downed in Donetsk region had been cut into.

He told this to the BBC World Service, the Sydney Morning Herald reported.

"Major pieces, I'm looking at the tailfin... they do look different than when we first saw them, in that they have been cut into," he said.

He also noted that one main cone section had been almost split in half.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/downed_boeing_wreckage_cut_into_osce_324177

Boeing 777 flight recorders already in UK, 23.07.2014

KYIV, July 23 /Ukrinform/. Flight recorders from the downed by terrorists Malaysian passenger jet Boeing-777 on Wednesday morning were delivered to Great Britain.

The state commission responsible for the investigation of the crash of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 reported, Ukraine's Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utility Services said in a statement on Wednesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/boeing_777_flight_recorders_already_in_uk_324197

Militants give experts access to Boeing crash site, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have allowed international experts to work without any hindrances at the crash site of the Malaysian Boeing 777 passenger jet in Donetsk region.

OSCE Special Monitoring Mission spokesman Michael Bociurkiw, who is also at the crash site, said this during a conversation on Skype with the Ukrainian Crisis Media Center, the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_give_experts_access_to_boeing_crash_site_324309

Flight MH17: Vladimir Putin's daughter flees £2million Dutch penthouse flat as fury grows over jet tragedy, 24.07.2014

The Russian leader's daughter Maria, 29, and boyfriend Jorrit Faasen have gone into hiding as anger mounts in the Netherlands.

Maria Putin lived just 20 miles from the airport where the doomed jet departed from.

News that the Russian president's daughter was living among a nation of people still fuming over Russia's role in the downing of Flight MH17 was only going to spark more outrage.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/flight-mh17-vladimir-putins-daughter-3909500>

White House: Putin, Russia are "culpable" in Ukraine plane crash, 25.07.2014

(Reuters) - The White House said on Friday that Russian President Vladimir Putin was "culpable" in the downing of a Malaysian plane over a the war zone in Ukraine and reiterated it was working with the European Union and G7 to impose further sanctions on Moscow.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest made some of his strongest comments since the plane was shot down, tying the incident to Russia, which the United States has criticized for providing arms to Ukrainian separatists.

"What we also know is that the Malaysia Airlines jet was brought down by a missile that was fired from the ground. It was fired from the ground in an area that was controlled by separatists, and in an area where the Ukrainians themselves were not actually operating anti-aircraft weapons at that time," Earnest told reporters at the White House.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/25/us-ukraine-crisis-usa-idUSKBN0FU2DO20140725>

Satellite images of Boeing crash site passed to international experts, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has ordered the transfer of satellite images of the crash site of the Boeing 777 aircraft in eastern Ukraine to investigators and international experts, the press service of the state head reported.

"On the instruction of the Ukrainian president, to ensure a full and transparent investigation into the terrorist attack committed on July 17, representatives of the Netherlands police and law enforcement agencies of other countries whose citizens have become the victims of the crime, as well as the OSCE mission, will be given the satellite images of the crash site of the Boeing 777 aircraft," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/satellite_images_of_boeing_crash_site_passed_to_international_experts_324364

SBU releases record of terrorists' call 2 minutes before Boeing downing. Video, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) published a record of a phone call of terrorists 2 minutes before the Malaysian passenger Boeing-777 was downed on July 17.

The secret service noted that the record proves that the terrorists from the group of Lieutenant Colonel of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces Igor Bezler ("Bes") were aware of the approach of the plane. The subordinates reported to "Bes" the plane was approaching, after that he commanded to report about it to "senior commanders".

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_releases_record_of_terrorists_call_2_minutes_before_boeing_downing_video_324392

Putin 'culpable' in Ukraine plane crash - White House, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin is to blame for the crash of the Malaysian Boeing aircraft in eastern Ukraine, White House spokesman Josh Earnest has said, according to Reuters.

"What we also know is that the Malaysia Airlines jet was brought down by a missile that was fired from the ground. It was fired from the ground in an area that was controlled by separatists, and in an area where the Ukrainians themselves were not actually operating anti-aircraft weapons at that time. So that is why we have concluded that Vladimir Putin and the Russians are culpable to this tragedy," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_culpable_in_ukraine_plane_crash_white_house_324404

Black box findings consistent with missile blast, 26.07.2014

Unreleased data from a black box retrieved from the wreckage of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 in Ukraine show findings consistent with the plane's fuselage being hit multiple times by shrapnel from a missile explosion.

"It did what it was designed to do," a European air safety official told CBS News, "bring down airplanes."

The official described the finding as "massive explosive decompression."

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/malaysia-airlines-flight-17-black-box-findings-consistent-with-blast/>

UN says downing of Boeing plane in eastern Ukraine is a war crime, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The shooting down by terrorists of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 over Ukraine can be regarded as a war crime.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said this in connection with the publication on Monday of a new report on the situation in east Ukraine, the UN website reported.

"This violation of international law, given the prevailing circumstances, may amount to a war crime. It is imperative that a prompt, thorough, effective, independent and impartial investigation be conducted into this event," Pillay said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_says_downing_of_boeing_plane_in_eastern_ukraine_is_a_war_crime_324460

Experts claim Boeing 777 crash caused by decompression from missile explosion - NSDC, 28.07.2014

A commission investigating the causes of the Boeing 777 air crash in the Donetsk region has said that according to the data from the flight recorders, the breakdown and fall of the plane was caused by "a massive explosive decompression" as a result of multiple fragment impact from the missile explosion.

"Experts from the Boeing 777 crash inquiry commission said that data from the flight recorders indicate that the breakdown and fall of the plane was caused by a massive explosive decompression resulting from multiple fragment impact from the missile explosion," the Donetsk regional state administration said on its Web site, citing information from analysts at the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC).

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215740.html>

Ukrainian army not conducting hostilities in air crash site - NSDC, 28.07.2014

The Ukrainian military do not carry out strikes against populated areas, nor conduct any hostilities at the crash site of the Malaysian Boeing 777 in the east of the Donetsk region, according to the National Security and Defense Council.

"The aircraft crash zone has 40 kilometers in diameter and 20 kilometers in radius. Our military have already approached the borders of this zone but if explosions are heard in this zone, this is definitely not the work of the Ukrainian military," spokesman for the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) Information Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215754.html>

Experts should quickly get to crash site of Malaysian airliner, plan drafted - Hroisman, 29.07.2014

The head of the Ukrainian government commission probing the crash of the Malaysian aircraft, Deputy Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman, has said that in order to speed up the investigation experts need to work at the plane crash site, on an area controlled by members of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR).

"We need to enter the area of the plane crash site as quickly as possible. And every day we make every effort to enter this territory. I want to note that we are constantly facing and continue to face certain forceful and military provocations," he said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/215959.html>

Poroshenko hopes OSCE will persuade militants to cease fire in 20-km radius from Boeing crash site, 29.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has discussed by phone with Dutch and Australian Prime Ministers Mark Rutte and Tony Abbott the situation with the investigation into the crash of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 plane in Donetsk region.

"During the conversations Poroshenko confirmed his strong commitment to interaction in providing access for an expert mission to the crash site, announcing a unilateral ceasefire in a 20-kilometer radius. Moreover, he expects that the OSCE will use its influence on terrorists' ceasing fire in a 20-kilometer radius as well. The Ukrainian president said he was ready to propose that OSCE experts control the situation and monitor the bilateral ceasefire directly at checkpoints," the press service of the head of state reported on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216014.html>

OSCE experts again fail to access Malaysian Boeing crash site, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. OSCE international observers on Wednesday again failed to access the crash site of the Malaysian Boeing passenger plane in Donetsk region. Two OSCE cars accompanied by militants were trying to find a safe road leading to the crash site, but they were stopped at a roadblock of terrorists, the BBC reported. The observers saw signs of fighting in front of them, including smoke, and returned to their hotel in Donetsk.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_experts_again_fail_to_access_malaysian_boeing_crash_site_324578

Militants mine approaches to Boeing 777, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. At the crash site of the downed Boeing near Torez in Donetsk region pro-Russian terrorists equipped fighting positions, National Security and Defence Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing on Wednesday.

"They drew up there a large amount of heavy artillery and mined the approaches to the area. This makes it impossible for the international experts to start work and establish the reasons for the downing of the Boeing 777," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_mine_approaches_to_boeing_777_324580

SBU says Russia falsifies Boeing crash evidences, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. The so-called "Russian evidences" regarding the terrorist attack on the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 are a crude forgery, Ukrainian security service (SBU) official Vitaliy Naida told reporters on Wednesday.

"The Security Service of Ukraine received satellite imagery data, confirming the Russian Defence Ministry had fabricated materials concerning the crash of the Boeing 777 (MH17), which were released on July 21, 2014 during a briefing of the General Staff of the Russian Federation," he said.

According to Naida, a comparative analysis of the "Russian satellite imagery data" is based on digital satellite data.

"We can state that the so-called "Russian evidences" have numerous and frank signs of forgery and retouching, or the images were shot by Russian spy satellites at another time, long before the attack on the Boeing 777 MH17 flight," the SBU official emphasized.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_says_russia_falsifies_boeing_crash_evidences_324610

Lavrov: Russia will submit to UN Security Council a resolution, proposing to put Russian peacekeeping forces to protect the perimeter of the crash of MH17, 30.07.2014

Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov said in Dushanbe that Russia will submit to UN Security Council a resolution, proposing to put Russian peacekeeping forces "as the only means to protect the perimeter of the crash of the Malaysia Airlines MH17 flight". In response, Speaker of the National Security & Defense Council Lysenko stressed that Lavrov doesn't fully capture the situation in the region, as Ukrainian military don't conduct any combat operations in the area in accordance with the presidential decree and on the contrary, terrorists mined approaches and established powerful artillery strongholds.

<http://www.digestagency.com/2014/07/2014-07-30-ukraine-daily-digest-eng.html>

Malaysian police come to Kyiv to take part in probe into Boeing crash - embassy, 31.07.2014

Sixty-eight Malaysian policemen have arrived in Ukraine to take part in the work of investigating the crash of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 in the Donetsk region, the Malaysian Embassy to Ukraine told Interfax-Ukraine.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216332.html>

Rosaviation officials arrive in Kyiv to take part in MH17 crash investigation, 31.07.2014

Oleg Storchevoi, a deputy chief of the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency (Rosaviation) appointed as a Russian representative to take part in an investigation into the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777's crash in Ukraine, has arrived in Kyiv along with a group of advisers, Rosaviation reported on Thursday.

"Russian specialists intend to meet with head of the investigation commission Gijsbert Vogelaar and provide the investigation commission with all materials that the commission head earlier asked from the Russian side," it said.

"The Russian mission will try to reach the Boeing 777's crash site today and, along with the specialists from the international investigation commission, to analyze the condition of the aircraft's elements on the spot," Rosaviation said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216267.html>

International experts finally reach Boeing crash site, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. International experts of the OSCE accompanied by Dutch and Australian experts on Thursday have finally got to the crash site of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777, reads a report on the official Twitter page of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine.

"OSCE SMM monitors reach #MH17 crash site for 1st time in almost week, accompanied by 4 Dutch, Australian experts. Used new route to access," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/international_experts_finally_reach_boeing_crash_site_324666

International inspectors safety return to base after visiting Boeing crash site – Ukrainian presidential press service, 31.07.2014

A team of inspectors composed of eight OSCE representatives, two representatives of Australia and two representatives of the Netherlands has performed its functions at the crash site of the downed Malaysia Airlines passenger jet in Donetsk region and returned to its base in the safe zone at 1602, Ukrainian president press service has reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/216395.html>

Pilot Savchenko

Kyiv suspects Russian secret services of helping bring Ukrainian female pilot to Russia, 09.07.2014

Kyiv expects the Russian law enforcement agencies to allow visits to Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, whom Russia has detained on charges of involvement in the deaths of Russian journalists in eastern Ukraine, and promises to appeal to the international community for help in her release, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

"As soon as permission is given, the Ukrainian consul will immediately leave for Voronezh and meet with her," Perebyinis said at a briefing in Kyiv on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212839.html>

Diplomats: Russia openly abducts people in Ukraine, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's Foreign Ministry voiced its strong and categorical protest against the illegal trafficking to Russia of Nadiia Savchenko - officer of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, who had been previously captured by the terrorist armed groups operating in eastern Ukraine.

In its statement issued on Tuesday, the ministry noted that "this is yet another proof that terrorists are planning and committing their crimes on the territory of Ukraine in close cooperation with the secret services of the Russian Federation."

"By kidnapping of Ukrainian citizens in our country, the Russian side violates not only all the norms of the international law, but also the basic rules of decency and morality. Such actions of Russia will not remain without adequate response from Ukraine and the international community," the statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/diplomats_russia_openly_abducts_people_in_ukraine_323535

Poroshenko instructs Prosecutor General's Office, Foreign Ministry to look into female pilot's detention by Russia, 09.07.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has instructed the Prosecutor General's Office and the Foreign Ministry to look into military pilot Nadia Savchenko's detention by Russian investigative agencies on charges of involvement in the killing of Russian journalists in the eastern part of Ukraine.

"The president has just issued instructions to the Prosecutor General's Office and the Foreign Ministry to look into the situation surrounding Nadia Savchenko," presidential spokesman Andriy Zhyhulin said at a news conference in Kyiv on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212814.html>

Kyiv working round-the-clock to return female pilot detained by Russia - officials, 09.07.2014

Ukraine is taking all possible steps to secure the release of its army pilot Nadia Savchenko, who has been placed in a Russian detention facility, according to several high-ranking government officials.

"In line with the president's instruction, all channels have been engaged to return our pilot to Ukraine," Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council information and analytical center, said at a news conference on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212804.html>

Ukrainian pilot Savchenko could be freed from Russian prison through ECHR, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian ombudsperson Valeria Lutkovska does not rule out that an appeal could be sent to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) to release Ukrainian female pilot Nadia Savchenko from a Russian prison.

She said this at a press briefing on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Several options on how to act in this situation are being considered, including an appeal to international courts in connection with this case, an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights," Lutkovska said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_pilot_savchenko_could_be_freed_from_russian_prison_through_echr_323609

Voronezh court leaves Ukrainian pilot Savchenko in custody until Aug 30, 10.07.2014

The Voronezh Regional Court ruled on Thursday to leave Ukrainian military pilot Nadia Savchenko in pretrial custody until August 30, having heard her defense lawyer's appeal against her arrest, court press secretary Lada Petina told Interfax.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/212912.html>

Savchenko hostage, demand her release, 10.07.2014

The Justice Ministry of Ukraine will appeal to the Council of Europe to declare that Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko is being held as a hostage on the territory of Russia

and is being kept in inhumane conditions, based on which Russia will have to release her, Justice Minister Pavlo Petrenko has said.

"We have already engaged the Foreign Ministry in this process, the Foreign Ministry is currently working at the diplomatic level, and we, for our part, have started to prepare an appeal to the Council of Europe, European Commissioner [for Human Rights] ... to declare her a hostage and [recognize] that she is being held in inhuman conditions... and then demand that Russia return her," Petrenko said, answering a question by Interfax-Ukraine concerning the specific steps the Justice Ministry is taking to comply with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's orders to return the Ukrainian pilot to her motherland.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213030.html>

Ukraine asking US to help release Savchenko, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian side has appealed to the United States for support to release Ukrainian female pilot Nadia Savchenko, who is illegally held in Russia after she had been abducted by the armed pro-Russian separatists near Luhansk.

Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States Oleksandr Motsyk told this to reporters on Friday.

"We immediately informed the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Congress that we have yet another flagrant violation of international law, namely, illegal, illegitimate transportation of Nadia Savchenko to Russia, her detention and investigation against her. We asked to support us in the process of her release," the Ukrainian ambassador said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_asking_us_to_help_release_savchenko_323656

Poroshenko making every effort to release Nadia Savchenko from Russian captivity, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said he would make every effort to release all hostages captured in Donbas, including Ukrainian female pilot Nadia Savchenko, who is held in a Russian prison, the president's press office said in a statement on Thursday.

"We will not rest until we have a chance to tell Nadia's mother that her daughter, heroic Nadia Savchenko, is all right," Poroshenko said at a meeting on Thursday with chief of Horlivka police department Andriy Kryshenko.

The president said he had ordered to appoint a new counsel to protect Savchenko.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_making_every_effort_to_release_nadia_savchenko_from_russian_captivity_323626

Ukrainian ombudswoman demands private meeting with Ukrainian pilot Savchenko, 11.07.2014

Verkhovna Rada Commissioner on Human Rights Valeria Lutkovska has sent a letter to her Russian colleague Ella Pamfilova and ombudsperson of Voronezh region, Tatyana Zrazhevskaya, asking that they allow her to meet with Ukrainian military pilot Nadia Savchenko, who is being held at a detention facility in Voronezh, Russia.

"According to the present information received, Savchenko has been forcefully moved from the territory of our country to Russian Federation, so became a victim of kidnapping by a foreign state," reads the letter, as ombudsperson's press service reported on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213195.html>

Ukrainian ombudswoman demands Putin take measures to release pilot Savchenko, 11.07.2014

Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Valeriya Lutkovska in her letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin demanded that measures be taken for the urgent release of Ukrainian citizen Nadia Savchenko, who now is being held at a pretrial detention facility in Voronezh.

"The charges of the Russian Investigative Committee (RIC) against Savchenko of being involved in the killing of Russian VGTRK journalists near Luhansk are absurd, as is the claim about her illegally crossing into Russian territory, without papers and disguised as a refugee," Lutkovska's press service quotes the letter on Friday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213204.html>

Presidential administration calls unprecedented kidnapping of Sentsov and Savchenko, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly called unprecedented the fact that the Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko and stage director Oleh Sentsov got to the Russian prison.

He told the TV channel Inter.

"The fact that actually they are stolen people, Ukrainians, and jailed in Russia is unprecedented," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/presidential_administration_calls_unprecedented_kidnapping_of_sentsov_and_savchenko_323692

Ukrainian consul not allowed to visit Nadezhda Savchenko – Klimkin, 14.07.2014

The Ukrainian consul was not allowed to visit Ukrainian pilot Nadezhda Savchenko, who is in pre-trial prison in Voronezh. Ukrainian consul not allowed to visit Nadezhda Savchenko – Klimkin/TSN Foreign Minister of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin wrote this on his page on Twitter. "The Ukrainian consul was not allowed to visit Nadezhda Savchenko today. It is a violation of all possible norms. He will try again to visit her in the afternoon", - said Klimkin.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/939336-ukrainian-consul-not-allowed-to-visit-nadezhda-savchenko-klimkin.html>

Ukraine making every effort to release Nadia Savchenko and Oleh Sentsov - Chaly, 14.07.2014

Ukraine is making every effort to free its citizens, military pilot Nadia Savchenko and film director Oleh Sentsov, deputy head of the presidential administration Valeriy Chaly told the Inter television channel on Sunday evening.

"Ukraine is now making every effort. On the instruction of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko the Foreign Ministry is now sending notes to international partners, and we already have a lawyer," the press service of the Ukrainian president quoted Chaly as saying.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213419.html>

Ukrainian consul for third time not allowed to Nadia Savchenko, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Consul was not repeatedly allowed to Nadia Savchenko, who is in the Voronezh pre-trial detention center.

Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said.

"+1 to the sad collection of violations of Russian authorities: our Consul was not repeatedly allowed to Nadia. Worried: what is her condition and what do they hide from us?" the Minister wrote on his Twitter account.

To remind, this is the third unsuccessful attempt of the Consul to meet with the Ukrainian pilot.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_consul_for_third_time_not_allowed_to_nadia_savchenko_323750

Ukrainian Consul allowed visiting Nadia Savchenko, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Consul received permission to visit Nadia Savchenko, who is kept at the Voronezh pretrial detention center.

Head of the press service of the Voronezh service for penalty execution Sergey Kurenkov said on Wednesday.

"The Ukrainian Consul received permission, currently he is undergoing a procedure of drawing the documents in order to visit the investigative ward," the RIA Novosti interlocutor said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_consul_allowed_visiting_nadia_savchenko_323876

ECHR gets down to Savchenko case, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) on Tuesday gave priority treatment to the application in the case of Ukrainian female pilot Nadia Savchenko against Russia, lawyer Valentyna Telychenko said.

She posted on her Facebook page a copy of the letter from the ECHR Secretariat.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/echr_gets_down_to_savchenko_case_323836

Ukraine demands unconditional release of pilot Savchenko - Foreign Ministry, 17.07.2014

The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has demanded that the Russian side release Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, who was captured in Luhansk region and transferred to a detention center in Voronezh, without any conditions.

"We again demand that the Russian side unconditionally release Nadia Savchenko and bring to justice those involved in her illegal transfer to Russian territory," the ministry said in a statement obtained by Interfax-Ukraine on Wednesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213945.html>

Pilot Savchenko didn't take part in hostilities in Donbas, she carried out wounded and dead, says defense lawyer, 17.07.2014

Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, who was kidnapped in Luhansk region and brought to a detention center in Voronezh, has not taken direct part in the hostilities in Donbas, her Russian defence lawyer Mark Feigin has said.

"Savchenko did not participate in hostilities per se, she was engaged in the work of support units, carried out the wounded and the dead," he wrote on Twitter on Wednesday.

He also confirmed that the pilot went on a hunger strike demanding a meeting with the Ukrainian consul.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213925.html>

Lawyer explains why Russia cannot try Ukrainian military pilot Savchenko, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The use of any judicial sanctions against Ukrainian military pilot Nadia Savchenko is contrary to international law, in particular, the European Convention on Human Rights, because a crime was committed with respect to the pilot (abduction).

Savchenko's lawyer, Mark Feygin, said this in an interview with Ukrinform.

"A crime was committed with respect to her - abduction, Article 126 of the Russian Criminal Code. She was unlawfully moved, that's all. Then how is it possible to impose any procedural sanctions on her in the form of arrest or as a preventive measure for criminal charges if she was kidnapped? It's absolutely impossible," the human rights activist said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lawyer_explains_why_russia_cannot_try_ukrainian_military_pilot_savchenko_323936

Ukraine plans to bail out pilot Savchenko - MFA, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 18 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian side is ready to bail out pilot Savchenko and continues to demand from Russia to release the pilot.

Director of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Ukraine Andriy Sybiha told a briefing, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We wait for the lawyers to file an appeal to overrule the decision on the imprisonment, and the trial is to take place over the next ten days ... We also raise the issue of Savchenko's release on bail so that her further stay there was not related to detention," Sybiha said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_plans_to_bail_out_pilot_savchenko_mfa_323997

Russia fabricates case against Savchenko using "proofs" on her phone, 24.07.2014

KYIV, July 24 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Investigative Committee found the alleged evidence on the phone of Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko of her involvement in the killing of journalists.

Representative of the Russian Investigative Committee Aleksandr Drymanov said in an interview to Kommersant.

"In our version, Savchenko by the phone aimed the mortar fire on journalists and refugees, who were beside. Her guilt is proved, in particular, by detailing the calls made from her mobile phone, which was seized during her arrest already in Russia," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_fabricates_case_against_savchenko_using_proofs_on_her_phone_324261

Ukrainian pilot Savchenko not released on bail, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Voronezh Regional Court, after considering an appeal lodged by the defense team of Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, has decided to leave her in custody until August 30.

Thus, the court upheld the decision of the lower court, Radio Liberty reported.

At the court meeting, Savchenko's lawyers asked the court to release the defendant on RUB 500,000 bail.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_pilot_savchenko_not_released_on_bail_324373

National Minorities & Religions

Metropolitan Volodymyr dies, 05.07.2014

KYIV, July 5 /Ukrinform/. Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Volodymyr died on Saturday morning, his spokesman Oleksandr Drabynko wrote on his Facebook page.

"Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Volodymyr died. God, may his soul rest in peace," Drabynko wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/metropolitan_volodymyr_dies_323418

Mejlis rejects cooperation with Crimea's occupying authorities, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. The Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People at a conference in Henichesk, Kherson region, decided to withdraw its representatives from the occupying authorities of Crimea annexed by Russia, Mejlis members told reporters.

"Efforts to establish mutual understanding with the Crimean authorities failed, we decided to recall our representatives," Mejlis member Nariman Delial said.

"There is no constructive dialogue, there is no possibility of cooperation", - Mejlis member Gayana Yuksel said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mejlis_rejects_cooperation_with_crimeas_occupying_authorities_323445

Mass Media

Hromadske TV confirms release of its journalists from captivity, 03.07.2014

Hromadske TV Channel has confirmed the release of its journalists Anastasia Stanko and Illia Bezkorovainy, who were held captives by representatives of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic.

"Representatives of the LPR freed the journalists of the Hromadske TV Nastia (short for Anastasia) Stanko and Illia Bezkorovainy. The release was broadcast live by Russia's LifeNews TV channel," the Hromadske TV reported.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has spoken to Hromadske TV journalists Anastasia Stanko and Illia Bezkorovainy, who were recently freed by militants in eastern Ukraine, over the phone, the presidential press service has reported.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211849.html>

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211860.html>

Work of 5 Kanal resumed – press service, 04.07.2014

The press service of the television channel reports this. "As of 9.20 am a work of 5 Kanal was resumed after information about mining of the building at Elektrikov Street. After thorough inspection of the premises an explosive was not found", - said in the report.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/935873-work-of-5-kanal-resumed-press-service.html>

Russia Today journalist expelled from Ukraine, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has detained British citizen Graham William Phillips, a Russia Today journalist, and expelled him from Ukraine, the SBU press center has told Ukrinform.

"The journalist was interviewed and the decision was announced on his expulsion from Ukraine and a three-year ban on his entry into its territory in the interests of national security, sovereignty and territorial integrity," SBU said.

As reported, Graham, who was detained in Donetsk, has for the last few months cooperated with Russian television channels, in particular, Russia Today, which contribute to the spread of terrorism and separatism, and conduct anti-Ukrainian propaganda.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_today_journalist_expelled_from_ukraine_324402

Polish journalist Bjanka Zalewska in coma, 28.07.2014

KYIV, July 28 /Ukrinform/. The condition of Polish citizen, journalist Bianka Zalewska, who works for Espresso.TV and was injured in the ATO area, is a serious but stable, Espresso.TV reported.

"After the surgery on her collarbone Bianka is in a state of medication sleep. At 02.00 doctors will conduct a medical consultation to decide how to help the girl who suffered a broken spine after car shelling," the report reads.

It is reported that at the hospital Bianka was visited by the Polish consul to find out whether any assistance is needed.

According to an Aidar battalion soldier who accompanied the journalist in the hot spot a sniper hit the wheel of the car. After that, the car flipped over, and the Espresso.TV journalist suffered numerous injuries.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/polish_journalist_bjanka_zalewska_in_coma_324457

Russia releases Ukrainian journalist, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. Russia has released a journalist of the Ukrainian 1+1 television channel, Yevhen Aharkov, who was held in a migration detention center 169

kilometers from Voronezh for almost two weeks and was accused of illegal journalistic activity.

He returns home and is already in Ukraine, tsn.ua reported.

"I feel good, alive and well, going home. I want to shout 'Glory to Ukraine!'" the journalist said by phone.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_releases_ukrainian_journalist_324551

Ukraine Worldwide

Baku declaration urges respect for principles of inviolability of borders, condemns occupation of Ukrainian territory, 02.07.2014

The Baku Declaration was adopted on Wednesday following the 23rd annual session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which was held in the Azerbaijani capital.

An Interfax-Azerbaijan reporter said that the declaration had been adopted with 99 votes "for," one "against," and nine abstentions.

The Russian delegation did not participate in the vote, in protest.

In this declaration, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly underlines the respect for the principles of the inviolability of frontiers and territorial integrity, the peaceful settlement of disputes, equal rights and self-determination of peoples, as stated in the Helsinki Final Act and calls on Russian to reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/211741.html>

Team of international donors to help reform Ukraine - European Commission, 07.07.2014

KYIV, July 7 /Ukrinform/. A high-level meeting in Brussels on July 8 on coordinating international assistance to Ukraine in conducting reform will be attended by over ten leading states, organizations and financial institutions, the European Commission has told a Ukrinform correspondent in Brussels.

The EC confirmed that the meeting would be attended by EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy Stefan Fule and Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman. Ukraine's donors represented by the European Union, member states, European financial institutions, as well as the United States, Japan, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, UNDP, IMF, World Bank, Council of Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the OSCE, will also attend the meeting.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/team_of_international_donors_to_help_reform_ukraine_european_commission_323476

US, Europe threaten Putin with new sanctions, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. President of France Francois Hollande and his US counterpart Barack Obama called on Russian President Vladimir Putin to put pressure on the pro-Russian terrorists in eastern Ukraine to make them start negotiations with Kyiv.

The press office of the Elysee Palace reported that Hollande and Obama spoke by phone with Putin for 45 minutes and called on him to strengthen control over the Russian-Ukrainian border, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty said.

According to the White House, the American and French leaders believe that Europe should impose new sanctions against Russia if Moscow does not immediately resort to measures to de-escalate the crisis in eastern Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/prosecutor_general_yarema_wants_protesters_to_vacate_maidan_323551

Lithuania ratifies AA with Ukraine, 08.07.2014

KYIV, July 8 /Ukrinform/. The Lithuanian parliament at its meeting on Tuesday ratified the association agreements between Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and the EU.

The Lithuanian Foreign Ministry wrote this on its Twitter page.

"Strong support and encouragement for European path - Lithuania's gov. ratified EU AA w Ukraine, Georgia & Moldova!" reads the message.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lithuania_ratifies_aa_with_ukraine_323525

Germany to provide 3.5 mln euros in humanitarian aid for Ukraine's east, 09.07.2014

KYIV, July 9 /Ukrinform/. Germany will increase urgent humanitarian assistance to the eastern regions of Ukraine up to 3.5 million euros, the press office of the German Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

"Foreign Minister Steinmeier has decided to increase the amount of humanitarian aid to eastern Ukraine by 2.5 million euros to a total of 3.5 million euros," the message reads. As noted below, the allocated funds are provided primarily for the eastern Ukrainian cities such as Kramatorsk and Sloviansk as well as for the needs of Ukrainian refugees, who, according to the UN, already number about 60,000 people.

"The humanitarian situation in Ukraine causes concern: the prolonged fighting in the east of the country considerably complicate the lives of its residents who are in need of clear signals that we care about them," the German foreign policy agency said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/germany_to_provide_35 mln_euros_in_humanitarian_aid_for_ukraines_east_323566

Europe to impose sanctions on 11 more enemies of Ukraine, 10.07.2014

KYIV, July 10 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has decided to expand the list of persons against whom sanctions will be introduced for infringement upon Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

Such a decision was made on Wednesday by the ambassadors of member countries of the European Council, a senior European diplomat told a Ukrinform reporter.

He said that a new list of 11 people had been approved and that it included mainly separatists.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe_to_impose_sanctions_on_11_more_enemies_of_ukraine_323578

EU rejects more tough sanctions against Russia – mass media, 10.07.2014

Participants of yesterday's meeting of the EU at level of permanent rejected more tough sanctions against Russia for its action in Ukraine due to hope for a success of peaceful mediatory initiatives of Germany and France. EU rejects more tough sanctions against Russia – mass media / REUTERS PAP Polish News Agency with a reference to its own sources reports this. "According to data of diplomats, the part of countries wanted a strong position of the EU, namely to add to a black lists powerful Russian politicians, and sanctions in a form of freezing the projects, which the EU co-finances in Russia. However, the majority decided to give a chance to efforts of France and Germany that are directed to solving of the crisis in Ukraine", - notes agency.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/938038-eu-rejects-more-tough-sanctions-against-russia-mass-media.html>

EU hopes to agree with Russia and Ukraine on consultation mechanism on association agreement, 11.07.2014

The European Union hopes that trilateral consultations between the EU, Ukraine and Russia, scheduled for Friday, July 11, regarding the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement will be successful, the press office of EU Commissioner for Trade Karel De Gucht has told Interfax-Ukraine.

"We hope this meeting will be fruitful and result in an agreed outcome," the press office said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/213096.html>

FSB detains 9 Ukrainians in Moscow suspected of plotting sabotage, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) detained a group of men from the southeast of Ukraine on suspicion of plotting sabotage, the Echo of Moscow radio station reported.

According to the resource, they were detained last night in Zhulebino district, southeast of Moscow.

"A pair of pistols with ammunition, knives, brass knuckles and masks - this is what FSB agents found at nine Ukrainians," the report reads.

In turn, LifeNEWS, which provided a complete list of the detainees, reported that they are 20 to 46 years old and all come from Ukraine: Donetsk, Luhansk, Odesa regions, as well as from Zaporizhzhia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fsb_detains_9_ukrainians_in_moscow_suspected_of_plotting_sabotage_323636

EU strengthens sanctions over situation in eastern Ukraine, 11.07.2014

KYIV, July 11 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has expanded targeted sanctions due to the deteriorating situation in eastern Ukraine, adding 11 more people to the "black list."

Such a decision was made by the Council of the European Union on Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent in Brussels said.

"In view of the gravity of the situation in Eastern Ukraine, the Council has today expanded the list of persons subject to targeted sanctions for actions undermining Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence," the EU said.

In particular, another 11 persons responsible for and supporting such activities in eastern Ukraine will be targeted with a travel ban and a freeze of their assets within the EU.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_strengthens_sanctions_over_situation_in_eastern_ukraine_323659

Canada imposes more sanctions for terrorism in Ukraine, 12.07.2014

KYIV, July 12 /Ukrinform/. The Canadian government has banned 14 Ukrainian citizens from entering the country due to the events in eastern Ukraine. Ottawa sees these people as responsible for the crisis in the country, Deutsche Welle has reported.

The extended sanctions list of the Canadian government includes members of the so-called "governments" of the self-proclaimed "people's republics," Fedir Berezin and Ihor Plotnytsky, as well as head of the so-called Union of Orthodox Citizens of Novorossiia Valeriy Kaur.

"Canada supports President Petro Poroshenko's peace plan and we will continue to apply pressure against Russia with our allies and partners. We continue to closely monitor the situation and we are ready for further actions if necessary," Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement posted on his official website on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/canada_imposes_more_sanctions_for_terrorism_in_ukraine_323676

Merkel, Putin agree on dialogue with terrorists in Donbas - media, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin, during behind-closed-doors talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Rio de Janeiro, has tried to persuade his counterpart of the need to start direct negotiations between Kyiv and terrorists, AFP has reported, citing the press secretary of the German chancellor.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Vladimir Putin held talks during which they discussed the situation in east Ukraine. The German chancellor supported the Russian president's idea that Kyiv should begin negotiations with separatists in the Donbas as soon as possible, the agency reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_putin_agree_on_dialogue_with_terrorists_in_donbas_media_323694

Latvia ratifies EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, 14.07.2014

KYIV, July 14 /Ukrinform/. The Latvian parliament has ratified the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics has reported on Twitter.

"The Latvian parliament has unanimously ratified the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement as a sign of solidarity with the Ukrainian people," he wrote. Rinkevics added that the Saeima of Latvia had also unanimously ratified the EU-Georgia Association Agreement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/latvia_ratifies_eu_ukraine_association_agreement_323715

Video conference with militants failed, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. A video conference of the Trilateral Contact Group with the separatists scheduled for July 15 did not take place, reads a statement posted on the OSCE website .

"The Trilateral Contact Group has made all necessary efforts for a resumption of consultations with representatives of the separatists in the east of Ukraine. Unfortunately, a video conference with the separatists, scheduled for today with the aim of agreeing on modalities for a next round of consultations, and agreed upon at the highest international level, did not materialise. The Contact Group is seriously concerned about the fact that since June 27, no such consultations have taken place. In the opinion of the Contact Group, this indicates a lack of willingness on the side of the separatists to engage in substantive talks on a mutually agreed cease-fire.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/video_conference_with_militants_failed_323822

OSCE observers coming to Russian-Ukrainian border, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. An OSCE Mission on Wednesday will begin its work in the area of the Russian-Ukrainian border, Channel 5 reported citing AFP.

The first group of observers will consist of three people.

The organization confirmed that they accepted Russia's invitation to monitor the situation on the border.

"As part of the training and consultations on the mandate and powers of the OSCE observation mission the organization will send an assessment mission composed of three representatives of the OSCE Secretariat to the checkpoints of Donetsk and Gukovo on the Russian-Ukrainian border," the OSCE noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_observers_coming_to_russian_ukrainian_border_323824

Russia convinces four more countries that Kyiv needs dialogue, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. BRICS countries, in a declaration adopted at a summit in Brazil, have called for a comprehensive dialogue in Ukraine, de-escalation of the conflict and restraint of all sides, as well as the search for a peaceful solution, RIA Novosti has reported.

"We express our deep concern with the situation in Ukraine. We call for a comprehensive dialogue, the de-escalation of the conflict and restraint from all the actors involved, with a view to finding a peaceful political solution, in full compliance with the UN Charter and universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms," reads the declaration.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_convinces_four_more_countries_that_kyiv_needs_dialogue_323834

Militants will be "officially" recruited in Russia, 16.07.2014

KYIV, July 16 /Ukrinform/. Representatives of the terrorist organization "Donetsk People's Republic" opened a recruiting agency for employing volunteers.

The U.S. Embassy statement reads.

“Recruiting of militants to separatist groups is held on the territory of Russia, and separatists are looking for volunteers, having experience of work with heavy armaments such as tanks and antimissile weapons. Russia allowed representatives of the “Donetsk People's Republic” to open a recruiting agency in Moscow,” the Embassy noted.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_will_be_officially_recruited_in_russia_323842

EU toughens sanctions, suspends cooperation programs with Russia, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. EU leaders decided to expand the restrictive measures against entities that are materially or financially supporting actions undermining or threatening Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence, to prohibit investment in Crimea and review and suspend cooperation programs with Russia. This is said in conclusions on Ukraine of the special meeting of the European Council adopted in Brussels on Wednesday.

“The European Council regrets that the requested steps it set out in its 27 June conclusions have not been adequately taken. As a result, the European Council agrees to expand the restrictive measures, with a view to targeting entities, including from the Russian Federation, that are materially or financially supporting actions undermining or threatening Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence,” the document reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_toughens_sanctions_suspends_cooperation_programs_with_russia_323889

U.S. Congress passes Russian Aggression Prevention Act, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The U.S. Congress adopted in two readings the Russian Aggression Prevention Act of 2014, under which Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia are provided with major non-NATO ally status.

The draft act has been submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to be finally adopted, Espresso TV reported.

The draft act provides major non-NATO ally status for Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova (during the period in which each of such countries meets specified criteria) for purposes of the transfer or possible transfer of defense articles or defense services.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_congress_passes_russian_aggression_prevention_act_323900

European Parliament demands third phase of sanctions for Russia - resolution, 17.07.2014

KYIV, July 17 /Ukrinform/. The European Parliament has expressed its full support for Ukraine and demanded the strengthening of economic sanctions against Russia. This is stated in a resolution of the EU's legislative body, which was approved in Strasbourg on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"[The European Parliament] welcomes the preparatory work undertaken by the Council, the EEAS and the Member States with a view to further sanctions against Russia, which should include the economic, financial and energy sectors, and an arms and dual-use technology embargo... [The EP] calls for a collective ban on the sale of arms to Russia and urges its implementation until the situation in eastern Ukraine has normalized," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_parliament_demands_third_phase_of_sanctions_for_russia_resolution_323912

Russia threatens to hit British companies in 'retaliation' for sanctions, 24.07.2014

Putin could seize assets of British oil companies, Russian diplomat warns, as war of words over sanctions intensifies

Russia has issued a threat to seize the assets of British companies including BP and Shell as a retaliation against David Cameron's demand for tough sanctions.

In a mounting war of words, a senior diplomatic source claimed Moscow would “fight back” against any industry-wide EU sanctions by putting British companies working in Russian oil on the frontline.

“We want friendly relations. We will go along as far as we can. Then we will retaliate,” the figure said.

The official measures will include seizing the assets of British firms, adding: “BP and Shell have a lot of assets in Russia.”

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/russia/10989627/Russia-threatens-to-hit-British-companies-in-retaliation-for-sanctions.html>

Russian serviceman takes Ukraine's side, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Russian Armed Forces serviceman Andrei Balabanov has said that Russia is sending military experts, weapons and armored military vehicles to Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the press center of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has said.

He said that he had left the place of service to protest Russian aggression against the neighboring state. The Russian soldier went to Ukraine in July with the intention to request political asylum.

A former Russian army soldier said that his military unit was moved to Rostov region near the border with Ukraine in May this year. Every day the commanders persuaded servicemen that they were being trained to defend Russian-speaking citizens in Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_serviceman_takes_ukraines_side_324351

Shevchuk, Makarevich to perform for wounded ATO soldiers, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. The Russian rock bands DDT and Mashina Vremeni will perform for Ukrainian soldiers of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces, undergoing treatment at Kyiv Military Hospital, according to the Vgorode.ua online edition.

"Not all Russian artists support Putin's policy. Some of them are on the side of peace and Ukraine. Such a concert could be only the first in a whole series of actions to support morale of our soldiers," the report reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shevchuk_makarevich_to_perform_for_wounded_ato_soldiers_324362

Yarosh wanted by Russia via Interpol, 25.07.2014

KYIV, July 25 /Ukrinform/. Moscow is looking for Right Sector leader Dmytro Yarosh via the Interpol <http://www.interpol.int/notice/search/wanted/2014-16549>.

It is noted that Dmytro Yarosh is wanted by the judicial authorities of Russia for prosecution/to serve a sentence.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yarosh_wanted_by_russia_via_interpol_324388

EU's 'black list' expanded to 87 individuals and 20 organizations, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. The Council of the European Union has adopted reinforced EU sanctions over the situation in eastern Ukraine, according to which 15 more individuals and 18 organizations involved in actions directed against Ukraine's territorial integrity have been added to the "black list," according to a statement released by the Council on Friday, Ukrinform reported.

"The Council added 15 further persons and 18 entities responsible for action against Ukraine's territorial integrity to the list of those subject to an asset freeze and a visa ban. This brings the number of persons currently under EU sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine to 87 while the number of entities will rise to 20," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eus_black_list_expanded_to_87_individuals_and_20_organizations_324396
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe_imposes_sanctions_on_putins_entourage_324398

Evidence of Ukraine's shelling from Russia passed to NATO, 26.07.2014

KYIV, July 26 /Ukrinform/. The United States has passed intelligence data to NATO indicating that Russia launches missiles at targets in Ukraine, a source in the North Atlantic Alliance has told Russia's RIA Novosti.

The source said NATO believes that U.S. findings are justified.

He declined to provide any details, citing the secrecy of the information.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/evidence_of_ukraines_shelling_from_russia_passed_to_nato_324406

EU's black list expanded to 95 individuals and 23 entities, 30.07.2014

KYIV, July 30 /Ukrinform/. The Council of the European Union has adopted additional restrictive measures in view of the situation in eastern Ukraine and the illegal annexation of Crimea, officially expanding the sanctions list to 95 individuals and 23 entities.

A respective statement was released by the press service of the European Council on Wednesday.

"Eight persons and three entities have been added to the list of those subject to an asset freeze and a visa ban, inter alia for providing support to or benefiting from Russian decisions makers responsible for the destabilization of eastern Ukraine and the illegal annexation of Crimea. This brings the number of persons and entities under EU restrictions to 95 persons and 23 entities," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eus_black_list_expanded_to_95_individuals_and_23_entities_324616

G7 leaders threaten Russia with tougher sanctions, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) states have threatened Russia with tougher sanctions if Moscow continues to oppose the de-escalation of the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

They said this in a joint statement released by the press service of the German government, a Ukrinform correspondent in Germany reported.

"Russia still has the opportunity to choose the path of de-escalation, which would lead to the removal of these sanctions. If it does not do so, however, we remain ready to further intensify the costs of its adverse actions," reads the statement by the heads of state and government of Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Canada, Britain, and the United States, as well as the presidents of the European Council and the European Commission.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/g7_leaders_threaten_russia_with_tougher_sanctions_324635

European Council approves sectoral sanctions against Russia, 31.07.2014

KYIV, July 31 /Ukrinform/. The Council of the EU has approved sectoral economic sanctions against Russia in view of its actions destabilizing the situation in Ukraine.

A respective statement was released on Thursday by the press office.

"In order to restrict Russia's access to EU capital markets, EU nationals and companies may no more buy or sell new bonds, equity or similar financial instruments with a maturity exceeding 90 days, issued by major state-owned Russian banks, development banks, their subsidiaries and those acting on their behalf. Services related to the issuing of such financial instruments, e.g. brokering, are also prohibited," reads the statement. In addition, an embargo on the import and export of arms and related material from/to Russia was imposed. It covers all items on the EU common military list.

Exports of dual use goods and technology for military use in Russia or to Russian military end-users will also be prohibited.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_council_approves_sectoral_sanctions_against_russia_324672

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