



Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine November 2014

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Introduction

November 2014 managed to bring neither desired peace nor economic stability to Ukraine. The month started with election in the so-called LNR and DNR, which have almost ruined all Minsk agreements and which were not recognized by the entire civilized world. Even Russian Federation used the term “respect” not “recognition” in respect to these elections. Donetsk airport which is under control of the Ukrainian military is severely shelled by missiles every day. Due to their attacks civilians are murdered. Ukraine was losing its defenders almost every day. In addition to that according to the NSDC data 400 militaries are missing, another 399 are being held hostage; for the duration of the ATO, 4,079 military were injured. Russian humanitarian convoys continued to delivery support to anti-terrorist operation zone. Ukrposhta and state energy companies stop activity in anti-terrorist operation zone. From mid-April to 18 November, at least 4,317 people were killed and 9,921 wounded in the conflict-affected area of eastern Ukraine. According to the UN report 957 people, including 838 men and 119 women, have been killed in eastern Ukraine during the ceasefire that began on September 6 as of November 18. The forex rate of the Ukrainian hryvnia on the interbank forex market on November 10 slid to 16.10 UAH per dollar, having hit new record lows. Prices on utilities significantly went up. Coalition Agreement has been signed. Representatives of the parties Petro Poroshenko Bloc, People’s Front, Samopomich Union, the Radical Party of Liashko and Batkivschyna have signed a coalition agreement on the first anniversary of Maidan. The future coalition plans "to draw up and make amendments to Ukraine's laws on foundations of domestic and foreign policy

and foundations of national security, envisioning, inter alia, the cancellation of Ukraine's non-aligned status, the resumption of a political course toward integration into the Euro-Atlantic security space, and acquisition of North-Atlantic Treaty Organization membership". The agreement also envisages a public administration reform and the passage of legislation regulating the president's impeachment procedure. The agreement stipulates that parliamentarians who voted for the January 16 package of bills and members of the Opposition Bloc cannot join the coalition.

New Parliament started its work on November 27.

The first festive meeting was attended by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, as well as former Presidents Leonid Kravchuk, Leonid Kuchma and Viktor Yushchenko.

The newly elected MPs simultaneously took the oath of office. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov has resigned as parliament speaker. Volodymyr Hroisman took up his post. He announced the set up of "coalition in a Ukrainian European parliament by a constitutional majority of 302 MPs".

Incumbent Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has again been elected head of government. New government should be formed in the beginning of December.

Newly elected Parliament was recognized by Russian Federation.

There are constant contacts between Russian and Ukrainian Presidents that gives hope that peace would come to Ukraine.

Prognosis

Donetsk votes for non-existent reality – Guardian, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. People in Donetsk voted in pseudo-elections for new reality in a country that does not exist, according to an article published by Britain's Guardian newspaper, ZN.ua has reported.

"Donetsk votes for new reality in a country that does not exist... But then the Donetsk People's Republic is no normal country. It is no country at all, according to most of the world. But the vote for prime minister here and in neighboring Luhansk region on Sunday was one more step towards creating a new reality on the ground and carving out a chunk of Ukraine that will no longer be controlled by Kyiv," reads the article.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_votes_for_non_existent_reality_guardian_326949

NBU governor predicts annual inflation in Ukraine at 25%, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Consumer prices in Ukraine this year will grow by 25%.

National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) Governor Valeria Hontareva made such a forecast at the Fifth Ukrainian Investment Forum on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Now inflation is 20%. By the end of the year it may speed up to 25%," she said.

Earlier, the National Bank of Ukraine forecast inflation in 2014 at 19%.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_governor_predicts_annual_inflation_in_ukraine_at_25_327288

National Bank predicts economic decline in 2015 at 4.3%, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) has predicted a decline in the Ukrainian economy in 2015 at 4.3%.

"I cannot tell you now about such things as economic growth, because such things will most likely look like a joke. We expect economic decline next year at 4.3%," NBU Governor Valeria Hontareva said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_bank_predicts_economic_decline_in_2015_at_43_327297

Statements of officials

Presidential Administration flatly denies secret agreement on pseudo-elections, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said there were no secret items in Minsk agreements that allow the elections for representatives of terrorist organizations "DPR" and "LPR."

He said on air of the program Shuster Live, Ukrainska Pravda writes.

"I consider the theme of secret agreements is a provocation against Ukraine. That something is going wrong. Today, it is all taken up on Russian channels," Chaly said.

He also showed copies of two documents with the signatures of members of the contact group, which was engaged in the settlement of the situation in Donbas.

"Show me, please, another document with the signatures, names ... All the rest - it's a game, provocation, pressure ... No other secret, unclassified, any arrangements of this sort, there are no documents of this sort. All that is in the process of work, all that is discussed - it is not a document," Chaly said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/presidential_administration_flatly_denies_secret_agreement_on_pseudo_elections_326932

All participants in pseudo-elections will be considered accomplices of terrorists - Defense Ministry, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. All participants in the "elections" in the self-proclaimed "Republic" in Donbas will be considered accomplices of terrorists.

"Those, who participate in the imitation of elections in the occupied territories, can be considered accomplices of terrorists with all the consequences," advisor to the Minister of Defence of Ukraine Oleksandr Danyliuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/all_participants_in_pseudo_elections_will_be_considered_accomplices_of_terrorists_defense_ministry_326930

Terrorist 'elections' harm peace - EU, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has condemned the "elections" held by terrorists in eastern Ukraine, calling them illegal.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini stated that the vote was "a new obstacle on the path towards peace in Ukraine," the BBC reported.

She said that the "election" of the leaders of the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics was "illegal and illegitimate" and that the European Union would not recognize it.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorist_elections_harm_peace_eu_326937

U.S. sees so-called 'elections' in Donbas as illegitimate, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The United States sees as illegitimate the so-called "elections" held on Sunday, November 2, in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics. This was stated by White House spokesman Mark Stroh.

He said that the holding of these "elections" contravened Ukraine's constitution and laws, as well as the Minsk protocol of September 5.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_sees_so_called_elections_in_donbas_as_illegitimate_326939

Shkiriak admits next phase of Russia's invasion, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. Adviser to the Interior Minister Zorian Shkiriak admits that the Russian Federation will hold the next phase of invasion in Ukraine.

He said this on air of the TV channel 112 Ukraine.

"On the territory of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, there are no terrorist bands uncontrolled by Putin! There is, let's say, a kind of misunderstanding between the band groups and the war, but all this is fighting for the sphere of influence and all of them are controlled by Putin," Novoye Vremia quotes the advisor.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shkiriak_admits_next_phase_of_russias_invasion_326940

Kyrylenko wants to create international coalition against Kremlin, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. People's Front Party member Viacheslav Kyrylenko has proposed creating an international coalition against the aggressive policy of the Kremlin, which would consist of the countries and institutions that do not recognize illegal elections held in Donbas on November 2.

Kyrylenko said live on the Inter television channel that it was necessary to discuss at a special conference the expediency of using diplomacy regarding the current Russian leadership, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"I do not think that now the Kremlin will conduct work on itself and will not recognize these so-called elections in these so-called 'DPR' and 'LPR.' I am fully confident that the Kremlin will recognize them. This means that we, together with the civilized world that has not recognized them, including the United Nations, to decide on the creation of a coalition, possibly a military coalition, against the aggressive Kremlin... So we need to convene a special conference and take a decision," Kyrylenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kyrylenko_wants_to_create_international_coalition_against_kremlin_326943

Pseudo-elections in Donbas to have serious consequences for Russia - Lithuanian Foreign Ministry, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The Lithuanian Foreign Ministry strongly condemns illegitimate "elections" held in some parts of Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions by illegal armed groups on November 2. This so-called "vote" will have serious consequences for Russia's future relations with the international community.

"The vote organized by the leaders of so-called 'Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics' escalates the conflict in the east of Ukraine and will have severe repercussions for Russia's relations with the international community. Further invasion by the Russian army into Ukraine and continuous violation of the cease-fire by the illegal armed groups raise particular concern," reads the statement.

According to the statement, these acts, directly supported by Russia, represent a gross violation of Ukraine's territorial integrity, contradict international law, the laws of Ukraine and the September 5 Minsk agreement, and also do not allow for a free expression of political will by the citizens in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

"The 'local authorities' formed on the basis of such farce 'elections' will have no democratic legitimacy," the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pseudo_elections_in_donbas_to_have_serious_consequences_for_russia_lithuanian_foreign_ministry_326946

Ukrainian World Congress condemns "elections" of militants, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) condemned the "elections," organized by terrorists in some Donbas territories.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty informs, referring to the UWC press service.

"This deception, organized by terrorists supported by Russia, was carried out in flagrant violation of the law of Ukraine and against the will of the Ukrainian people, expressed during the recently held presidential and parliamentary elections," a statement reads.

President of the Ukrainian World Congress Eugene Czolij said that these pseudo-elections "undermine the Minsky agreements of September 5 and September 19, 2014, and is further evidence of the reluctance of the Russian Federation to end the aggression against Ukraine and its people."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_world_congress_condemns_elections_of_militants_326947

Biometric passports will be issued to Ukrainians from January 1 - MFA, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian authority faces a task of arranging serial production of biometric passports from January 1, 2015.

The only flaw that must be corrected towards a visa-free regime with the EU is the issue of biometric passports.

"In September, there were four EU missions in Ukraine on the assessment of a progress in this sphere: one - on control over the borders, another - on the issue of security of documents, and another two - on asylum and migration. I should confirm that we have rather positive results. The only issue is that serial production of biometric passports is not arranged. This is a certain flaw, which we plan to remove in the nearest future," Deputy Foreign Minister Lana Zerkal said.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/biometric_passports_will_be_issued_to_ukrainians_from_january_1_mfa_326960

Poland does not recognize Donbas elections, 03.11.2014

Poland does not recognize the results of the elections in the districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions controlled by pro-Russian militants, Polish Foreign Ministry press secretary Marcin Wojciechowski has told

"We do not recognize these elections, and our position is the same as that of the European Union and the [countries of the] free world," Wojciechowski said.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1004638-poland-does-not-recognize-donbas-elections.html>

NATO fears Ukrainian crisis will lead to frozen conflict, 04.11.2014

Russia's actions amid the crisis in eastern Ukraine could lead to the freezing of the conflict, which would in turn worsen Moscow's relations with NATO, the alliance's top general said.

Supreme Commander of the European Combined Forces of the Alliance the General Philip Breedlove, speaking to journalists at a briefing, said that Moscow was shifting the border between Ukraine and Russia to the west, according to Russian news agency TASS.

"We see that we're facing [border] demarcation and blurred Ukrainian-Russian boundaries," Breedlove said.

"I'm afraid that such conditions could lead to a frozen conflict," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/world/1005050-nato-fears-ukrainian-crisis-will-lead-to-frozen-conflict.html>

President initiates cancellation of special status for Donbas, prepares new law, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, at a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council on Tuesday, will propose cancelling the law on a special status for certain districts in Donbas, according to a presidential address posted on the website of the head of state on Monday.

"One of the issues that I will submit for consideration by the NSDC is the cancelation of the law on the peculiarities of local government in certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. In due time, this law performed an extremely important role in stopping foreign invasion, mobilizing the world's support of the Minsk peace agreements, and the sincerity of Ukraine's intentions to de-escalate the situation in Donbas," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_initiates_cancellation_of_special_status_for_donbas_prepares_new_law_326965

White House responds to Russian Foreign Ministry's attempt to recognize separatist 'elections', 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Washington has expressed concern about the intentions of the Russian leadership to recognize as legitimate the vote organized by separatists in eastern Ukraine and has threatened to raise the costs to Moscow for "its destabilizing and dangerous actions." The White House said this in a statement released in Washington on Monday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"We are concerned by a Russian Foreign Ministry statement today that seeks to legitimize these sham 'elections.' We also continue to be concerned by reports that Russia is once more moving its troops and military equipment to portions of the international border," the U.S. presidential administration said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/white_house_responds_to_russian_foreign_ministrys_attempt_to_recognize_separatist_elections_326966

NATO: Hundreds of Russian troops training militants in occupied part of Ukraine, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, head of U.S. European Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has said that in eastern Ukraine, Russia has about 250-300 troops who are training and equipping the separatists. Speaking at a press briefing on November 3, Breedlove noted that the Russian government continued to support militants in Donbas.

According to the general, the section of the Ukrainian-Russian border in the conflict zone is not controlled by Ukraine that allows Russian troops to cross it freely.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_hundreds_of_russian_troops_training_militants_in_occupied_part_of_ukraine_326967

Hollande urges Putin not to recognize "elections" in Donbas, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. President of France Francois Hollande urges his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin not to recognize the pseudo-elections in the east of Ukraine, otherwise Western sanctions against Russia will not be cancelled.

He said this during his state visit to Canada on Monday.

"I urge President Putin to remain within the frames of the Minsk agreement, which opened a way to the truce of September 5," Hollande stressed, speaking in the Canadian parliament. "According to him, sanctions against Russia are "necessary... but they cannot be the only response." "The aim consists in convincing Moscow and separatists to refuse from escalation and return to a dialogue," the President of France added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/hollande_urges_putin_not_to_recognize_elections_in_donbas_326972

'Elections' in Donbas worsen attitude to Russia - Merkel, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel believes that "elections" held in Donbas on November 2 are illegitimate and does not even consider the possibility of lifting sanctions against Russia, the Ekho Moskvy radio station has reported.

Merkel called illegal the so-called "elections" held in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics and added that Moscow should more actively influence separatists to prevent the escalation of the conflict.

"Russia isn't yet contributing in the way we would like, particularly regarding Luhansk and Donetsk," the German chancellor said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/elections_in_donbas_worsen_attitude_to_russia_merkel_326983

Ukraine again demands Kremlin remove troops from Donbas, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has sent a note of protest to the Russian Foreign Ministry due to Russia's continued military aggression in Donbas.

"Along with propaganda convoys, Russia, less publicly but not less regularly, continues to send military equipment, weapons and regular troops to Ukraine. Yesterday the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry sent a note to the Russian Foreign Ministry expressing strong protest due to the continuing acts of Russian aggression against Ukraine, support for the DPR and LPR terrorist groups, the continuation of actions aimed at further escalation of the situation in Ukraine, and the build-up of Russian Armed Forces groups near the state border of Ukraine," Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_again_demands_kremlin_remove_troops_from_donbas_326991

OSCE: Ukrainian coal taken to Russia, 06.11.2014

Representatives of the Special Monitoring Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (SMM OSCE) stationed on the Russian checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk in Rostov region report that the trucks are continuing to transport coal from Ukraine's Luhansk region to Russia.

The information was given in the weekly report of the OSCE mission stationed at the Russian checkpoints.

"The Mission witnessed a large number of trucks that are continuing to carry coal from Luhansk region to the Russian Federation," the report reads.

The reported noted that the OSCE observers saw Russian customs officials checking whether the trucks were empty when entering the territory of Ukraine.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1005904-osce-ukrainian-coal-taken-to-russia.html>

EU: Russia must assume responsibility for disruption of Minsk agreements, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini has condemned the pseudo-elections that were held in Donbas on November 2, reads a statement released on the European External Action Service website. "These so-called 'elections,' as well as any acknowledgement or recognition of them, are in breach of the letter and the spirit of the Minsk Protocol and we call on Russia to assume its responsibility in this regard," she said.

The European Union believes that only compliance with the Minsk memorandum may peacefully resolve the crisis in Donbas. Mogherini said that the EU was particularly worried about continuing violation of the ceasefire, the resulting losses of lives and increasing numbers of internally displaced persons.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_russia_must_assume_responsibility_for_disruption_of_minsk_agreements_327011

Russia refuses to return to 'Geneva' peace talks on the Donbas, 06.11.2014

Russia refuses to take part in further negotiations with Ukraine over the conflict in the Donbas in the so-called "Geneva" format, Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

"There will be no more negotiations in the Geneva format, ie, with the participation of Russia, the European Union, the United States and Ukraine," the ministry said in comments posted on its official Web site.

"Now it is evident that all these [Minsk] agreements were grossly violated by the Ukrainian side," the ministry wrote.

"Instead of de-escalating, Kyiv stepped up the fighting in the southeast of the country with the use of heavy equipment, which has led to thousands of casualties and widespread destruction."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1006153-russia-refuses-to-return-to-geneva-peace-talks-on-the-donbas.html>

'Putin can't support Donbas,' says Nemtsov, 07.11.2014

Russia does not have enough money to support the four million residents of Ukraine's Donbas, according to Boris Nemtsov, a leader of the Russian opposition movement.

"[Russian President Vladimir] Putin's plan entitled 'Novorossyia' has gone wrong, because Russia does not have enough money to support the pensioners and public sector workers in the east of Ukraine," Nemtsov wrote on his page on Facebook.

"Putin defiantly refused to meet with the leaders of the DPR and LPR (Donetsk and Luhansk Peoples' Republics) not only because he is careful of the possibility of new sanctions, but also because they have nothing to discuss. There's no money to support four million people."

Nemtsov also said Putin was continuing to send Russian troops to Donetsk, supplying weapons and arranging provocations. But Russia is not ready to financially support a vast region, Nemtsov said.

"What remains for [DPR leader Oleksandr] Zakharchenko and Co.? The mines are flooded, no work, no money. Just war," Nemtsov said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1006465-putin-cant-support-donbas-says-nemtsov.html>

Moscow says it 'respects' but does not 'recognize' Donbas elections, 07.11.2014

In a sign that Russia might be backing down slightly on the issue of its recognition of the elections held by insurgents in Ukraine's Donbas, the Kremlin on Friday said it "respected" but did not "recognize" last Sunday's poll.

"The official position of Russia is expressed in a short, but meaningful Foreign Ministry statement on the results of the election - it uses the word 'respect,'" Putin aide Yury Ushakov said of Moscow's official position.

Asked about whether it was possible to equate the terms "respect" and "recognize" with regard to the elections in the self-proclaimed republics, Ushakov said, "these are different words." "The word 'respect' was especially chosen."

<http://www.unian.info/world/1006549-moscow-says-it-respects-but-does-not-recognize-donbas-elections.html>

Pentagon confirms presence of Russian units on border with Ukraine, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. The U.S. Department of Defense has evidence of the deployment of Russian combat units in close proximity to the border with Ukraine, which have been put on high combat alert.

"What we do see is a continued presence of significantly capable and ready Russian battalion tactical groups right across that border. And they are close. And they are very capable," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pentagon_confirms_presence_of_russian_units_on_border_with_ukraine_327068

Lavrov sees no Russian troops in Ukraine, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has once again stated that there are no Russian troops in Ukraine.

He told this to reporters at the beginning of a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at the APEC summit in Beijing, Interfax reported.

Lavrov said that U.S. Department of State spokesperson Jen Psaki had admitted earlier that Washington had no evidence indicating Russian military presence in Ukraine.

In addition, according to him, it turned out that Russia "is not directly involved in the implementation of the ceasefire agreements between the Ukrainian government forces and the militias" despite the Minsk agreements that it earlier signed.

"The ceasefire agreement was signed between the militias and the government, and it's they who should complete the demarcation of a separating line, which is being done right now," Lavrov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lavrov_sees_no_russian_troops_in_ukraine_327074

U.S. concerned about intensification of fighting in east Ukraine - statement, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. Washington has expressed serious concern over increasing military activity in the militant-occupied eastern regions of Ukraine.

National Security Council Spokesperson Bernadette Meehan said this in a statement.

"We are very concerned by intensified fighting in eastern Ukraine, as well as numerous reports, including from the Special Monitoring Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), that Russian backed and supplied separatists are moving large convoys of heavy weapons and tanks to the front lines of the conflict," reads the document.

At the same time, it notes that the United States continues to call on all sides to strictly adhere to the cease-fire." Any attempt by separatist forces to seize additional territory in eastern Ukraine would be a blatant violation of the Minsk agreements," the statement says.

"We reiterate our call on the Russian Federation to honor all of the commitments it made in Minsk, including ending its military supply to the separatists and the withdrawal of all of its troops and weapons from Ukraine," the spokesperson said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_concerned_about_intensification_of_fighting_in_east_ukraine_statement_327075

There will not be fixed hryvnia rate any more, get accustomed - NBU governor, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "Our country will not live any more with the fixed rate.

Unfortunately, it lived so for the whole its life," NBU Governor Valeria Hontareva said. "This does not lead our country either to economic growth or stability of the financial system. We spoke about this as far back as in April, when signed a program with the IMF. Our country said that we will have a flexible rate formation now."

She also said that the NBU looks for the "equilibrium level" as regards the hryvnia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/there_will_not_be_fixed_hryvnia_rate_any_more_get_accustomed_nbu_governor_327079

Ceasefire agreement in Donbas dead - McCain, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Senator John McCain has said that reports of Russian troops and heavy equipment moving deep into Ukrainian territory have confirmed that the ceasefire agreement in Donbas is "effectively dead."

"No one should be surprised by reports today that large columns of Russian tanks, artillery, and military personnel have moved back into eastern Ukraine. If true, this would be the latest and most conclusive reason to believe that the ceasefire agreement is effectively dead," says the document posted on the personal page of the senator.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ceasefire_agreement_in_donbas_dead_mccain_327085

Number of displaced persons in Ukraine reaches over 455,000, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "As of yesterday, the number of all displaced persons is 455,175, including 127,409 children and 84,946 disabled and elderly people. As many as 19,221 people were displaced to other regions from Crimea and Sevastopol, 435,954 persons from the anti-terrorist operation zone, including 67,072 people from Donetsk region and 28,840 people from Luhansk region," Head of the State Service for Emergency Situations Serhiy Bochkovsky said.

Bochkovsky also said that 1,000 people, including 156 children and 137 disabled and elderly people, had moved from the area of the anti-terrorist operation in Donbas in the past 24 hours.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/number_of_displaced_persons_in_ukraine_reaches_over_455000_327087

Fourth wave of mobilization now not planned - NSDC, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "There is yet no need for a fourth wave of mobilization. The situation in the east of Ukraine is under control. We have enough forces and means to not just deter attempts by terrorists to shell or attack any stronghold, but also to equip the second and third line of defense," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fourth_wave_of_mobilization_now_not_planned_nsd_327091

Steinmeier urges to be very careful about situation in eastern Ukraine, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "Unfortunately, the situation [in the east of Ukraine] is again very serious. Now we have to be very careful so as not to return to a state of military confrontation which we thought has already been overcome," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said during his visit to Astana (Kazakhstan), according to the German television channel n-tv.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_urges_to_be_very_careful_about_situation_in_eastern_ukraine_327096

OSCE reports two military convoys near Donetsk, 10.11.2014

Observers from the Special Monitoring Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) say they sighted two military convoys of 17 trucks with heavy weapons near Donetsk, according to a report they made November 9, Russia's Lenta.ru has reported.

The first convoy was spotted by the observers near the village of Sverdlovo on Sunday at about 1120.

"The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission reported about 17 unmarked ZIL trucks, five of them carrying Grad multiple rocket launcher systems, with ammunition in the other two trucks," the report reads.

The other military column was spotted at 1135 near the town of Zuhres, located 41 kilometers east of Donetsk. This convoy also consisted of 17 unmarked KamAZ trucks. According to observers, 12 of the vehicles were towing 122-millimeter howitzers.

According to the representatives of the mission, in both cases, the men in uniform in the trucks were not observed. Cars followed the convoys, heading west.

Over the last two days OSCE observers have seen several convoys of military equipment near Donetsk. On November 8 the mission observed a convoy of tanks, APCs, trucks and tank trucks 25 km away from Donetsk, in Makiyivka.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1007150-osce-reports-two-military-convoys-near-donetsk.html>

Defense Ministry: 80% of OSCE employees in Mariupol - Russians, among them FSB workers, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. 80% of OSCE employees, working in the area of Mariupol, Donetsk region, are citizens of the Russian Federation.

Adviser to the Minister of Defense for the exchange of prisoners Vasyl Budyk said on TV air, referring to the OSCE mission officer in the ATO area.

"Usually, when we get somewhere, we prepare routes, stop in some places, accommodate our group, and the accompanying persons, with whom I go. We were accommodated in the hotel "Reikartz," this is a three-star hotel in Mariupol. It so happened that we had been literally on the one floor with the so-called OSCE mission. Due to the fact that I am a citizen of Georgia, I met with one of the officers of the mission, a Georgian by birth, who has been in this mission. I understand that now I set him up, but I cannot help saying this. He said a phrase that 80% of all employees working in the OSCE mission in the sector "M" in Mariupol are Russians," Budyk said, quoted by ZN.UA.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/defense_ministry_80_of_osce_employees_in_mariupol_russians_among_them_fsb_workers_327099

Poroshenko: I want to end war and prevent starting "third world madness", 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko stressed that he wants to end the war in Donbas.

"The First World War ended 96 years ago. I want to end the war. Not to give someone a chance to start the third world madness," Poroshenko noted on Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_i_want_to_end_war_and_prevent_starting_third_world_madness_327102

Army funding will be tripled in 2015 - Defense Ministry, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. Funding of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for 2015 is envisaged at 3% of gross domestic product (GDP).

This was announced during a roundtable "Battle for Ukraine: banks are at war" by representative of the Finance Department of the Defense Ministry Colonel Viacheslav Salakhov. "The final decree of the President of Ukraine approved the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, which clearly defines the objectives of the Finance Ministry for 2015 - to provide the funding of the Armed Forces of Ukraine at the level of 3% of GDP," he informed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/army_funding_will_be_tripled_in_2015_defense_ministry_327121

Defense Ministry says OSCE observers call Ukrainian soldiers "Ukrops", 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. OSCE representatives, who work in Mariupol, Donetsk region, have a negative attitude toward Ukrainian military and call them "Ukrops."

Adviser to the Defense Minister on exchange of captives Vasyl Budyk told Ukrainska Pravda. "I've heard talks when they call our soldiers "Ukrops." Then I've heard that "they (Ukrainian military - Ed.) browned off with their rides." Sorry, but why are you there, simply to reside in a hotel?" Budyk said.

He also said that OSCE representatives either are not in the places, where they had to be, or come to the fields of attacks with a delay of 5-6 hours.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/defense_ministry_says_osce_observers_call_ukrainian_soldiers_ukrops_327122

Foreign Ministry warns against "hasty attacks" on OSCE, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs highly appreciates work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine and warns against attacks on the organization. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis told a briefing.

"We highly appreciate work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine. We caution against hasty attacks towards the OSCE," the MFA press service quoted the Spokesman.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_warns_against_hasty_attacks_on_osce_327123

Head of Naftogaz: Ukraine supplying Donbas militants gas for free, 11.11.2014

Ukraine is still supplying expensive imported Russian gas to the areas of the country that have been seized by militants, but gets no payment in return, the head of Naftogaz Ukrainy has said in an interview with German broadcaster Deutsche Welle.

A transcript of the interview with Naftogaz head Andriy Kobolev has been posted on the official Web site of Ukraine's national oil and gas company.

"These areas are now under control of, in the politically correct term, armed men. They do not pay us anything, although we continue supplying gas to these areas," Kobolev said.

He said Naftogaz and Ukraine are therefore suffering from a situation in which they have to buy gas from Russia at significantly higher than market prices and then supply it free of charge to those areas which are under the "protection" of the Russian Federation.

"This is very similar to the situation in Transnistria - gas is being consumed in the breakaway republic, with the payments carried out by the central government in Moldova. We believe that such situation is, at least, incorrect, and it requires some solution," Kobolev said.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1007814-head-of-naftogaz-ukraine-supplying-donbas-militants-gas-for-free.html>

SBU: Russian saboteurs plan to attack Ukraine, 12.11.2014

Russian provocateurs and subversive groups are increasing their activities in Ukraine, SBU Press Secretary Markiyanyuk Lubkivskiy has said on Ukrainian television's Channel 5.

He said Ukraine's SBU security service and counterintelligence groups were working actively to counter the threat, online news Web site LB.ua reported on Wednesday.

Lubkivskiy gave the example of the recent terrorist attacks on a checkpoint in Mariupol and the Kharkiv pub The Wall.

"In the wake of these events we can say that there is an intensification of [the activities] of the subversive groups... Every day we neutralize either a subversive group or a group of provocateurs."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1008356-sbu-russian-saboteurs-plan-to-attack-ukraine.html>

OSCE denies it gave information about Ukrainian troop positions to Russians, 11.11.2014

The Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on Tuesday batted back Ukrainian officials' claims that it had given information about the position of Ukrainian military units to Russian army officers.

"We do not disclose the positions of the Ukrainian military," the head of the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (SMM) Michael Bociurkiw said at a briefing in Kyiv.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1008007-osce-denies-it-gave-information-about-ukrainian-troop-positions-to-russians.html>

OSCE says it can't work in Donbas, 12.11.2014

OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier admitted on Wednesday that the escalation of the situation in the east of Ukraine and failure of the Minsk agreements was making it impossible for his organization's observer mission to fulfill its mandate in the Donbas.

"What we see is concerning, and there are a number of reasons for this concern," Zannier told journalists in Brussels, according to an UNIAN correspondent.

"First of all, given that our primary task was to help de-escalate the conflict, we are concerned because there really is an escalation. We've seen military equipment entering the region during a ceasefire."

Zannier said the observer mission records all violations, but is faced with restrictions on its work.

"When we return to Donetsk and Luhansk, we have no freedom of movement. We would like to get to the border but de facto we do not have that freedom. We ask all parties to the Minsk Agreement to execute the agreements. We cannot help if they do not create the conditions for this. This is one of the problems."

The OSCE secretary general said there are signs that "there may be more open confrontation."

<http://www.unian.info/society/1008533-osce-says-it-cant-work-in-donbas.html>

NATO: There are eight battalions of Russian troops on border with Ukraine, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. NATO has evidence that material, equipment, armored weapons, and supplies continue to flow from Russia into eastern Ukraine.

This was stated by NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, Gen. Philip Breedlove, Reuters reported.

"The violence continues to increase day by day," he said in an interview with the news agency.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_there_are_eight_battalions_of_russian_troops_on_border_with_ukraine_327138

UN Security Council warns of possibility of full-scale fighting in east Ukraine, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. The possibility of the full-scale resumption of hostilities in the parts of eastern Ukraine seized by pro-Russian separatists was discussed at an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in Ukraine on Wednesday, Radio Liberty has reported.

In particular, UN Assistant Secretary-General Jens Anders Toyberg-Frandzen, in his report on the situation in Ukraine, said that the upsurge in fighting came amidst regular reports from the OSCE of an influx of large convoys of heavy weapons, tanks and troops flowing into rebel-held areas and stressed that a failure to secure the Russian-Ukrainian border was a factor that continues to impede the path to peace.

OSCE representative Heidi Tagliavini recalled the illegality of the so-called "elections" staged by separatists on November 2, as well as other flagrant violations of the Minsk agreements, including the ongoing fighting.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_security_council_warns_of_possibility_of_full_scale_fighting_in_east_ukraine_327160

Serheyev: Russia deployed 200 tanks and 190 aircraft on border with Ukraine, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Russia has deployed 200 tanks, 1,600 vehicles, 640 artillery units, 191 aircraft and 121 combat helicopters on the border with Ukraine.

Ukraine's envoy to the UN Yuriy Serheyev said this at an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council, ukr.media reported.

Instead of complying with the Minsk agreements, militants, supported by Russian regular troops, continued to shell Ukrainian military and civilian targets. Since the beginning of the ceasefire (September 5) militants have violated the ceasefire over 2,700 times.

"As many as 131 Ukrainian servicemen were killed, over 500 were wounded, and 65 civilians were killed," Serheyev said.

He also pointed to Russia's attempt to create a land corridor to the occupied Crimea and concentrate Russian troops on Ukrainian territory.

"An illegal Russian convoy with heavy weapons is spotted almost every day. Russia's representative today said that his government does not provide any military support to separatists in Ukraine. This means that someone else, not the state, which has missiles, tanks and guns, supplies them to illegal formations in Ukraine. Someone else in Russia attacks planes and helicopters and violates our airspace," the diplomat said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/serheyev_russia_deployed_200_tanks_and_190_aircraft_on_border_with_ukraine_327164

Seventh Putin's "humanitarian convoy" will be sent to Donbas tomorrow, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Russia is planning to send the seventh so-called «humanitarian convoy» to Donbas on Friday, November 14. At the same time, they say in Moscow that "count on Kyiv's assistance" as concerns its delivery to the east of Ukraine. Official representative of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Alexander Lukashevich said, TASS informs.

"We officially approached the Ukrainian side in order to promote passing of the (humanitarian) cargo, including solving of security issues," he said.

Lukashevich added that the Russian side counts very much "on cooperation with the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross)."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seventh_putins_humanitarian_convoy_will_be_sent_to_donbas_tomorrow_327180

Government refuses to conduct negotiations with terrorists - Hroisman, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. The government is not planning to revise a decision about stopping social payments in Donbas districts, controlled by terrorist groups.

Vice Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroisman told reporters Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"I think that the "DPR" and "LPR" are purely terrorist organizations. Therefore, an appeal of such nonexistent organizations cannot be considered. The government took a decision on possibility of funding social payments. And there is only one way - a person should come to the territory, controlled by Ukraine," he said.

The Vice Prime Minister stressed that only after registration of internal migrants on the territory, controlled by the Ukrainian authority, they will be able to fully receive payments.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_refuses_to_conduct_negotiations_with_terrorists_hroisman_327182

OSCE notes restrictions in work of observers on Ukrainian-Russian border, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ilkka Kanerva has criticized "unacceptable restrictions" faced by OSCE observers on the Ukrainian-Russian border, reads a statement posted on the organization's website.

"The Mission is restricted to report only on what it sees pass through the official crossings along the tiniest strip of border. If we are not permitted to do it right, the question is, is it worth doing at all," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_notes_restrictions_in_work_of_observers_on_ukrainian_russian_border_327195

Yatseniuk says whom he wants to see as Speaker, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. "I objectively consider that Oleksandr Valentynovych is the most professional Speaker. But I believe, at that same time, that an issue of appointment of the Verkhovna Rada Chairman should be discussed by all coalition members. This is honest and fair," Prime Minister of Ukraine, leader of People's Front Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_whom_he_wants_to_see_as_speaker_327201

Yatseniuk reveals his picks for new cabinet, 14.11.2014

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, who is likely to retain his top seat in the government, on Friday announced his pick for ministers in the new cabinet.

The seats in the new Yatseniuk cabinet, if the prime minister's proposals are accepted by the president and the parliament, would be distributed as follows:

Deputy Prime Minister for Regional Policy – Volodymyr Hroisman (incumbent);
Deputy Prime Minister for Humanitarian Affairs - Ihor Zhdanov (Batkivshyna MP);
Deputy Prime Minister for Agrarian Affairs - Ivan Miroshnichenko;
Minister of Justice - Pavlo Petrenko (incumbent);
Minister of Internal Affairs - Arsen Avakov (incumbent);
Minister of Social Policy - Pavlo Rozenko (Bloc of Petro Poroshenko MP);
Minister of Health Vasylii Lazoryshynets (current acting Minister of Health);
Minister of Culture - Yevhen Nyshchuk (incumbent);
Minister of Energy and Mines - Andriy Kobolev (now-head of Naftogaz Ukrainy);
Minister of Education and Science - Serhiy Kvit (incumbent);
Minister of Economy - Dmitry Shimkiv (current deputy head of the Presidential Administration);
Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food - Leonid Kozachenko;
Finance Minister - Vitaly Lisovenko (currently Deputy Minister of Finance);
Minister of Youth and Sports - Denis Silantyev (well known swimmer, Radical Party MP);
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources - Hanna Hopko (first on the Samopomoich party list);
Head of the Public Broadcaster - Yuriy Stets.

Yatseniuk also proposes to appoint a European politician as deputy prime minister for European integration.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1009421-yatseniuk-reveals-his-picks-for-new-cabinet.html>

Russian air defense system accompanied 'convoy' in Donetsk - U.S. ambassador, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. A Russian air defense system was working next to a "separatist convoy" in Donetsk.

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt reported this on his Twitter page.

"We have information that a Russian air defense system was operating near a separatist convoy in Donetsk - suggests Russian forces were protecting," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_air_defense_system_accompanied_convoy_in_donetsk_us_ambassador_327203

Klimkin: Government not planning to fight to win back Donbas, looking for political solution, 14.11.2014

The Ukrainian government has no plans for any military operations to regain control of the territories controlled by Russian-backed militants, and is searching for a political solution to this conflict, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has said in an interview with German newspaper Rheinische Post.

"Ukraine has stopped fighting for the Ukrainian regions in the east of the country controlled by pro-Russian separatists," Klimkin said.

"Such a military operation would also affect the civilian population, our Ukrainian citizens," he told the newspaper.

"The Ukrainian government intends to observe the ceasefire and continues to seek a political solution to the conflict," Klimkin said.

"If the separatists, supported by the Russian Federation, begin again to attack the positions of the Ukrainian soldiers, they will get a fitting rebuff by the Ukrainian army, as its fighting capacity has substantially increased recently."

"Today, thousands of Ukrainian soldiers can fight with the enemy, and they have already proven it," he added.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1009320-klimkin-government-not-planning-to-fight-to-win-back-donbas-looking-for-political-solution.html>

Russia delays seventh 'aid convoy', 14.11.2014

Russia has postponed indefinitely the sending of a seventh unauthorized aid convoy into Ukraine, Russian news agency Rosbaltu reported on Friday, citing the Novorossiia press center.

"The convoy did not come today, and it's not expected tomorrow. We don't know when it will come," Russian-back militants told Rosbalt.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1009360-russia-delays-seventh-aid-convoy.html>

NATO chief says he sees no military solution to Donbas conflict, 14.11.2014

There is no military solution to the conflict in eastern Ukraine, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has said in an interview published on Friday by Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera.

"Ukraine is not a member of NATO, and we are convinced that this conflict cannot be resolved by military means," Stoltenberg told the newspaper.

"We appeal to Russia with the requirement that it respect the Ukrainian border and not render aid to the separatists, as this endangers the ceasefire agreement. NATO supports and will continue to support the full sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country, which form the basis of the Minsk Protocol."

Stoltenberg called for all sides to strictly observe the Minsk agreement.

"It's a big mistake to think that if you lose, I win, or vice versa. But if a political solution is found, one respecting the interests of all parties, we will all win from it."

Stoltenberg said that "over the last year Moscow has tripled its military activity."

<http://www.unian.info/world/1009407-nato-chief-says-he-sees-no-military-solution-to-donbas-conflict.html>

Harper tells Putin to 'get out of Ukraine' in G20 encounter, 14.11.2014

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Stephen Harper told Russian President Vladimir Putin flatly that he needs "to get out of Ukraine," when the two met at a Group of 20 summit of major economies in Brisbane.

A spokesman for the Canadian Prime Minister relayed the details of the encounter and, according to director of communications Jason MacDonald, "Mr. Putin did not respond positively."

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/harper-and-g20-leaders-confront-putin-problem-at-australia-meet/article21603599/>

Slovak president calls for extension of sanctions against Russia, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Slovak President Andrej Kiska, at a meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in Bratislava, has called for the extension of sanctions against Russia.

"The Slovak president: when one country continues to violate international agreements, the sanctions should continue," Ukrainian presidential spokesman Sviatoslav Tseholko wrote on his Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/slovak_president_calls_for_extension_of_sanctions_against_russia_327216

Mogherini says sanctions against Russia not an objective now, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. The European Union thinks that sanctions against Russia are currently not an objective and it is necessary to focus on reforms in Ukraine.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini said this before a meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels on Monday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"Sanctions themselves are not a target, are not an objective. They can be an instrument if they come together with other measures. I think that it's time that the European Union and the ministers concentrate on the other issues that we have to build for having a complete strategy. And that means, on the one hand, asking Ukrainians to commit to reforms, and on the other hand, finding the ways to assist them in holding these reforms," Mogherini said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mogherini_says_sanctions_against_russia_not_an_objective_now_327217

EU notes Ukraine's significant progress in implementation of action plan on visa liberalization, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. New EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Dimitris Avramopoulos, at a meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin in Brussels, has noted significant progress made by Ukraine in the implementation of the second phase of the action plan on visa liberalization, the press service of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry reported on Monday.

"Avramopoulos confirmed the priority nature of the EU dialogue with Ukraine on migration and visa issues, noting significant progress made by the Ukrainian side in the implementation of the second phase of the action plan," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_notes_ukraines_significant_progress_in_implementation_of_action_plan_on_visa_liberalization_327229

Klimkin: Events in Donbas a crash test for OSCE and EU, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. The settlement of the situation in the east of Ukraine is a test of the suitability and effectiveness of such organizations as the OSCE and the EU.

"In my opinion, what is happening now in Donbas has become a crash test for the OSCE, as well as for the European Union," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said in his speech at the European Security Forum 2014, which takes place in Brussels on Monday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klimkin_events_in_donbas_a_crash_test_for_osce_and_eu_327231

EU decides to expand 'black list' of Donbas separatists, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. The European Union is planning to expand personal sanctions against separatists operating in eastern Ukraine by the end of November 2014.

The EU Foreign Affairs Council made such a decision on Monday, Ukrinform's correspondent in Brussels reported.

"Having assessed the situation on the ground, the Council calls on the EEAS and the [European] Commission to present a proposal for decision by the end of this month on additional listings targeting separatists," read the Council conclusions on Ukraine.

The EU Council said that it would continue to closely follow the situation in eastern Ukraine and would act accordingly.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_decides_to_expand_black_list_of_donbas_separatists_327233

Norway ready to strengthen sanctions against Russia - ambassador, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Norway is ready to support the strengthening of sanctions against Russia if need be.

"Until we see some positive changes in the actions of the Russian side, we will continue the effect of the existing sanctions.... Today, I think that our government will monitor the situation and will take a respective decision if need be," Norwegian Ambassador to Ukraine Jon Elvedal Fredriksen said.

He noted that the introduction of sanctions would depend on Russia's attitude to Ukraine and international law.

"We realistically appreciate Russia's actions, as well as actions of the Ukrainian side, because Ukraine must also comply with its obligations," the diplomat said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/norway_ready_to_strengthen_sanctions_against_russia_ambassador_327235

If Ukraine destroys Russian military convoy, it will unleash full-scale war - Chaly, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military do not launch a powerful rocket attack on columns of Russian military equipment that cross the terrorist-controlled border, because it might provoke a full-scale war with Russia, which will use all its military might.

Deputy Head of Ukraine's Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said this during the Freedom of Speech program on the ICTV television channel, Ukrinform reported.

"As a diplomat, I think that our task, as we implement it, is to diplomatically avoid a full-scale war in Central Europe. If such a strike is directly delivered, this will unleash a war with the use of aircraft, etc," he said, when asked why the Ukrainian Armed Forces do not launch a rocket attack, including with the use of a Tochka-U tactical missile, on military columns from Russia. Chaly said that such a move would have turned the conflict into "a completely different scale." In addition, international support for Ukraine, particularly in Europe, could have suffered some losses, he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/if_ukraine_destroys_russian_military_convoy_it_will_unleash_full_scale_war_chaly_327237

Steinmeier sees Minsk agreements as basis for peaceful settlement, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. The Minsk agreements should remain the basis for continuing the dialogue on the peaceful settlement of the situation in Donbas.

"I think that the Minsk agreements envisage the resolution of a number of complex issues that need to be resolved. They include the release of prisoners and the demilitarization of the military zone, regaining control over the border. And it is necessary to work hard on this," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said, adding that this was discussed at his meeting with the head of state.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_sees_minsk_agreements_as_basis_for_peaceful_settlement_327246

NATO: Russia continues to send troops and weapons into Ukraine, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. "We see that Russia is still destabilizing Ukraine. We see the movement of troops, of equipment, of tanks, of artillery, of advance air defense systems, and

this is in violation of the cease fire agreements. We call on Russia to pull back its forces from eastern Ukraine and to respect the Minsk agreements," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_russia_continues_to_send_troops_and_weapons_into_ukraine_327250

Steinmeier says separation of conflicting parties in Donbas 'close enough', 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has said that the separation of territories of the conflicting parties in Donbas is a primary task that must be fulfilled within the Minsk agreements.

He said this at a press conference in Moscow on Tuesday after a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Ukrinform's correspondent in Russia reported.

"My colleague Lavrov and I agree that some aspects are now of paramount importance. First, this concerns the separation of the sides. And I can say that we are close enough to resolving this issue, and now we have to see that responsible military now sign this document. Based on this program the withdrawal of heavy weapons from this zone may then begin," Steinmeier said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_says_separation_of_conflicting_parties_in_donbas_close_enough_327255

Russia Demands 'Absolute Guarantee' that Ukraine Will not Join NATO, 19.11.2014

Russia needs an "absolute guarantee" that Ukraine will not join NATO.

Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said this in an interview with the BBC.

However, according to Peskov, no one has still given Russia such a guarantee and this situation makes Moscow worry and forces to take precautions.

At the same time Vladimir Putin press secretary accused the West of trying to "encircle" Russia.

http://en.censor.net.ua/news/312551/russia_demands_absolute_guarantee_that_ukraine_will_not_join_nato

U.S. senators urge Obama to give Ukraine weapons, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham have called on U.S. President Barack Obama to give Ukraine lethal weapons to fight terrorists.

They said this in a statement posted on McCain's personal website, the Obozrevatel online newspaper reported.

"The Obama Administration's policy in Ukraine effectively amounts to an arms embargo on victims of aggression. This is contrary to both our national interests and our long-standing ideals of supporting free peoples in their struggle against subjugation. The United States and the European Union must provide Ukraine with the arms and related military and intelligence support that its leaders have consistently sought and desperately need," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_senators_urge_obama_to_give_ukraine_weapons_327259

Lavrov says Geneva format of talks on Ukraine a closed chapter, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said that the Geneva format (Ukraine, Russia, the U.S. and the EU) of talks on the settlement of the situation in eastern Ukraine is now a "closed chapter."

He said this in the Russian State Duma on Wednesday, RIA Novosti reported.

"The Geneva format is a closed chapter, because it was useful to a certain extent when there was no direct dialogue between Kyiv and the southeast. Now this dialogue has been established. It would be a crime to destroy it," Lavrov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lavrov_says_geneva_format_of_talks_on_ukraine_a_closed_chapter_327263

Putin afraid of 'color revolutions' in Russia, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin has described "color revolutions" in some countries as a lesson and warning for Russia and urged to counteract their appearance in Russia by all means.

"In the present-day world, extremism is being used very often as a tool of geopolitics and redrawing spheres of influence. We can see the tragic consequences the wave of so-called 'color revolutions' has led to and what upheavals were and are being experienced by the

countries that have gone through irresponsible experiments of hidden, and at times gross, or 'crashing' as we say here, outside meddling in their life. For us it is a lesson and warning, and we must do necessary to prevent something similar from ever happening in Russia," Putin said.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_afraid_of_color_revolutions_in_russia_327301

Poroshenko to Platini: Crimea remains part of Ukraine, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has met with President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Michel Platini, the press service of the Ukrainian president has reported.

In particular, Poroshenko said that when returning from the airport, he saw fifty football fans outside the building of the presidential administration who demanded that Crimean clubs not be given away to Russia. "I came up to them and promised to fight to ensure that the Russian championship is not held in Crimea, because this is our land," he said. "Crimea is and will be Ukrainian," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_to_platini_crimea_remains_part_of_ukraine_327303

Savchenko to represent Ukraine at PACE, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Nadia Savchenko will represent the Ukrainian parliament at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

"I want to thank you for supporting a point on the release of all those who are now in prison and captivity in Russia, including Nadia Savchenko, who became an MP and was given the right to be a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on behalf of the whole parliament," Batkivshchyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko said this during the initialing of a coalition agreement said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko_to_represent_ukraine_at_pace_327323

Government should be formed in ten days - Yatseniuk, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. "The government should be formed in the next ten days, because we need to hold talks with the IMF and major international partners. We should immediately adopt the law on Ukraine's state budget," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_should_be_formed_in_ten_days_yatseniuk_327324

Poroshenko, Biden say peace in Donbas should be achieved through Minsk agreements, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and U.S. Vice President Joe Biden have agreed that the only way to achieving peace in Donbas was compliance with the Minsk agreements.

"We have reached a complete agreement that the most acceptable, basic format for ensuring the peace process is the format of the Minsk agreements, the trilateral contact group, where we must ensure several key elements of the Minsk peace plan," the president said at a joint press conference with Biden in Kyiv on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_biden_say_peace_in_donbas_should_be_achieved_through_minsk_agreements_327327

Poroshenko: Genocide against Ukrainian people will not be repeated, 22.11.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has compared the Holodomor of 1932-1933 with an undeclared war against Ukraine in 2014 calling it a continuation of the imperial genocide against the Ukrainian people.

"Today, having already had the experience of the Patriotic War of 2014 for our independence with an enemy that has invaded our land, we have a different look on the events of 1932-1933. Then, there also was a real and undeclared war against Ukraine, which was conducted according to all the rules of the colonial imperial operations using special squads and internal troops against unarmed villagers, as the Communist Party did," he said during the events to commemorate the Holodomor on Saturday at the National Memorial to the victims of holodomors in Ukraine.

According to the president, "the successors of Stalin, Kaganovich, and Postyshev have not disappeared in the darkness of history." "They rule the bloody ball in the temporarily occupied territories of the so-called LPR and DPR, where they repeated the criminal experiments of the time of holodomors," the president stressed.

Poroshenko said that "the enemy is trying to divide us again." "Today more than ever we need unity. And I believe that we can learn the lessons of history. They should not hope to conquer Ukraine again. We have become stronger, wiser and we will fight back. Never give up, never stop fighting!" he said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/235800.html>

German foreign minister sees no prospects for Ukraine's accession to NATO, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has said that he sees no prospects for Ukraine's joining NATO.

He said this in an interview with German magazine Der Spiegel.

"I think that the partnership between Ukraine and NATO is possible, but not the membership," Steinmeier said.

He said that it was unrealistic to think that Ukraine might join the European Union in the short term. "This is why today there is no point in discussing Ukraine's membership of the EU," the minister said, calling on the Kyiv authorities to launch the necessary reforms.

"More than 20 years after gaining independence, the people of Ukraine deserve that their government finally begins to crack down on corruption and mismanagement and carry out reforms in deeds," Steinmeier said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/german_foreign_minister_sees_no_prospects_for_ukraines_accession_to_nato_327332

Lithuania vows to provide all possible military aid to Ukraine, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė has promised to provide Ukraine with all possible military assistance.

She stated this during a conversation of the heads of the two countries with the media.

"Ukraine will receive all the support Lithuania has," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lithuania_vows_to_provide_all_possible_military_aid_to_ukraine_327342

Stoltenberg confirms that Ukraine could become NATO member, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine will become a member of NATO if it fulfills the criteria required for membership of the alliance.

"Our policy is the same. The door is open for countries which fulfill the criteria for becoming NATO allies. That's also valid for Ukraine," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.

Stoltenberg said that the open-door policy had been successful for NATO and the countries that joined the alliance.

"I remember the summit in Bucharest where we decided that Ukraine will become a member, and that decision still stands, of course, providing that Ukraine fulfills the criteria for membership and providing that Ukraine so will," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/stoltenberg_confirms_that_ukraine_could_become_nato_member_327343

The European Union has asked Ukraine to give autonomy to the Donbass, 24.11.2014

The EU hopes that Ukraine will provide the Eastern regions the status of autonomy. This was reported on Monday, November 24, EU high representative for foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini in an interview with the Austrian newspaper Kurier.

Answering the question, what in Brussels expect from Kiev, Mogherini called including the status of autonomy for the East. "There are a lot of refugees from the region, humanitarian assistance is crucial. You need to fight corruption, the economy should work again. Ukraine is responsible for transformation," he said Mogherini.

She also noted that relations with Russia requires a restart. According to her, the dialogue between the EU, Ukraine and Russia should start earlier.

Mogherini believes that Russia should not be viewed NATO as the enemy. "I would also invited NATO to consider Russia as a potential partner. There is no way back to the days of the cold war," she summed up.

<http://newstweny4seven.com/en/news/evrosiojuz-poprosil-ukrainu-predostavit-avtonomiju-donbassu>

EU aide says High Representative did not speak about autonomy for East Ukraine, 25.11.2014

KIEV, November 25. /TASS/. EU's High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, did not say EU expected Kiev to grant autonomy to the much-troubled war-torn eastern regions of the country, Maja Kocijancic, a spokesperson for Mogherini said on Monday.

Earlier reports quoted Mogherini as saying in an interview with the Austrian newspaper Kurier the EU expected Kiev display respect for culture and language of the people living in eastern Ukraine, would give autonomy to that part of the country and would hold institutional reforms. Kocijancic said in a comment on the situation that Mogherini had spoken to Kurier in English long before receiving the status of the High Representative.

Mogherini communicated with the reporter in English and utterances were much longer, and that's why mistakes might have crept into the translation, Evropeiskaya Pravda news portal said.

<http://en.itar-tass.com/world/763503>

Austrian newspaper says Mogherini really talked about autonomy for east Ukraine, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Austrian newspaper Kurier has said that in an interview with this newspaper, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini really talked about the granting of an autonomy status to eastern Ukraine.

A Kurier correspondent and the author of interview, Margaretha Kopeinig, told this to Ukrinform. "In an authorized English version her [Mogherini's] answer to our questions is an 'autonomy status for the east [of Ukraine],'" she said.

However, Kopeinig confirmed that the interview published on Monday had been recorded before Mogherini assumed the office of the EU High Representative. "The full version of the interview will be released on December 1," the journalist added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/austrian_newspaper_says_mogherini_really_talked_about_autonomy_for_east_ukraine_327364

NATO Parliamentary Assembly says Russia is reason for conflict and crisis in Donbas, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Russia's intervention is the main reason for an armed conflict and a humanitarian crisis in the east of Ukraine.

This is stated in a resolution of the 60th annual session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on supporting Ukraine's sovereignty and democracy, which was approved in The Hague on Monday. The special rapporteur was deputy of the Sejm of Poland Witold Waszczykowski.

"Russia's direct as well as covert involvement, including the deployment of unmarked uniformed troops in part of Ukraine, is the principal reason for the prolonged armed conflict and the humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine," NATO parliamentarians said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_parliamentary_assembly_says_russia_is_reason_for_conflict_and_crisis_in_donbas_327350

Another 'aid' convoy from Russia expected in Donbas on Sunday, 25.11.2014

Russia's Ministry of Emergency Situations is planning to send another convoy of trucks into Ukraine on Sunday, the deputy head of Ministry of Emergency Situations Vladimir Stepanov has said, according to the Russian news agency RIA Novosti.

"We plan that the humanitarian assistance will be delivered as early as Sunday," Stepanov said.

This eighth convoy will consist of more than 100 trucks with over 1,000 tons of cargo, he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1013469-another-aid-convoy-from-russia-expected-in-donbas-on-sunday.html>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eighth_russian_aid_convoy_to_arrive_in_donbas_on_sunday_327367

Merkel says sanctions against Russia are inevitable, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. "We're working on a diplomatic resolution to this crisis. As long as Russia contributes very little or nothing to overcome this crisis, we need economic sanctions. They're unavoidable, although I know they impact the German and the European economies," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, Radio Liberty reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_says_sanctions_against_russia_are_inevitable_327371

Over 500 people dismissed from government under lustration law - Yatseniuk, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. Over 500 people have already been dismissed from the Cabinet of Ministers under the law on the cleansing of power (lustration).

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

"We have held several stages of lustration. During the first stage, about 40 senior government officials were dismissed from the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. Now we have dismissed about 500 people - this is the second stage of lustration," he said.

Yatseniuk said that the judicial system "began to fight with the Ukrainian law on lustration."

"I appeal to judges and parliament to prevent the possibility of destroying the law on lustration, because the judicial system needs to be cleaned not the least, and sometimes even more than other branches of government," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_500_people_dismissed_from_government_under_lustration_law_yatseniuk_327387

Van Rompuy wants 'decentralization or federalization' for Ukraine, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. European Council President Herman Van Rompuy wants "decentralization or federalization" for Ukraine and thinks the Donbas conflict should be resolved similar to a peace process between Israel and Palestine.

The European politician, who ends his work as president of the leading EU institution on November 30, said this at the Paris Institute of Political Studies on November 25.

"A global solution is needed. It's necessary to find a way to make Ukraine a decentralized (or federal) state, with the overall involvement of all interested parties," Van Rompuy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/van_rompuy_wants_decentralization_or_federalization_for_ukraine_327390

Nuland: It won't be easy for Ukraine to join NATO, 26.11.2014

Ukraine will not find it easy to join NATO, even if it decides to do so, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs at the U.S. State Department Victoria Nuland has said.

"You see, we believe that all countries of the Euro-Atlantic region, including Russia, have the right to discuss with NATO the prospects for closer cooperation with Ukraine, if its leadership takes the appropriate decision," Nuland said in an interview with Konstantin Beniumov, the Washington correspondent of Russian news Web site Medusa.

"Whether the country is ready to take on the responsibility associated with the membership of the alliance is another question. It is a very long process for Central European states, which requires significant changes," Nuland said.

"We have not discussed the prospects of joining NATO neither with the current Ukrainian government nor the people of Ukraine. For a long period of time, Ukrainians preferred to keep the status of a non-aligned country. We are not ready to close off the prospects of joining NATO to Ukraine, but if Ukraine takes this decision, it will be very difficult to realize," Nuland said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1014104-nuland-it-wont-be-easy-for-ukraine-to-join-nato.html>

Yatseniuk says 7% GDP fall 'normal' for country at war, 26.11.2014

The fall in Ukraine's GDP in 2014 will be 7% and the budget deficit 4%, which are acceptable results considering the country is at war, Yatseniuk said on Wednesday.

"The economic decline was forecast at 10%, [but] now we are expecting 7%," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said during a meeting of the cabinet.

"Although this is a negative indicator, in a state of war such a result is a normal one," he said.

At the same time, Yatseniuk noted that Ukraine would have been unable to meet its external obligations in 2014 of \$9.1 billion without the help of international lenders, who helped to raise about \$8.6 billion for the country.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1014127-yatseniuk-says-7-gdp-fall-normal-for-country-at-war.html>

Yatseniuk: 28,000 civil servants dismissed in Ukraine, 26.11.2014

The current government has dismissed 28,000 civil servants and cut funding for running the government by 10%, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said at a meeting of the cabinet on Wednesday.

"This process will continue in the future," he said, according to Ukrainian online newspaper Ukrainska Pravda.

"A totally inefficient civil service is another obstacle to effective management and changes in the country," he said.

"The government reduced the funding for the maintenance of the authorities by 10%, and the number of regulatory bodies and their functions by half," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1014172-yatseniuk-28000-civil-servants-dismissed-in-ukraine.html>

NATO general warns militants in Donbas could capture more ground, 26.11.2014

Recent supplies of weapons and equipment by Russia to militants in Ukraine could be used by them to capture more territory, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe General Philip Breedlove said in Kyiv on Wednesday.

"With the recent supplies of weapons to the eastern Ukraine that we have observed over the past few weeks, the pro-Russian fighters have strengthened their military capabilities, and being supported by Russia they are capable of, and possibly will push to capturing new territories along the demarcation line," Breedlove said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1014182-nato-general-warns-militants-in-donbas-could-capture-more-ground.html>

Poroshenko talked to Putin, but there were no threats - Presidential Administration, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's Presidential Administration has denied reports that Russian President Vladimir Putin made any threats during his conversation with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

Head of the Information Department at the Presidential Administration Iryna Friz wrote this on her Facebook page.

"Officially. Yesterday, Russian Ambassador [to Ukraine Mikhail] Zurabov was not present during a telephone conversation of the Ukrainian president with Putin. Therefore, reports in the media are also untrue, as well as the fact some threats were made with respect to a sovereign state," she said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_talked_to_putin_but_there_were_no_threats_presidential_administration_327399

Poroshenko: Ukrainians should not be intimidated with third world war, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. "It's unnecessary to intimidate us with the third world war. In fact, nobody plans to start it," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said from the parliament's rostrum in his message on the internal and external situation in Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_ukrainians_should_not_be_intimidated_with_third_world_war_327407

Ukraine to apply for EU membership in five years - Poroshenko, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has called on MPs to work effectively so as to be able to submit an application for Ukraine's accession to the European Union in five years. He said this in an extraordinary address on Ukraine's domestic and international situation in the Verkhovna Rada.

"The coalition has been created. We have the political will to make changes... We are beginning to work so that we can be ready to apply for EU membership in five years," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_to_apply_for_eu_membership_in_five_years_poroshenko_327411

Actions of Ukrainian Authorities

Ukraine, EU begin implementation of association, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. On November 1, 2014, provisional implementation of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU begins. Separate sections of this document will take effect before completion of ratification of the Agreement by all EU Member States.

"Despite the provisional implementation of the Agreement, the said document since its signing is an impetus for Ukraine and the core of the integrated program of large-scale internal reforms in all spheres of political, economic and social life of our country," the Ukrainian government noted.

The Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU will fully enter into force after its ratification by all parties.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_eu_begin_implementation_of_association_326925

Association Agreement partially comes into force, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine and the EU on November 1 start the provisional application of the Association Agreement, which was made possible by completion of the necessary internal procedures, in particular, ratification of the Agreement by the Verkhovna Rada and the European Parliament, as well as, approval of the relevant decision by the EU Council.

"The Association Agreement is a comprehensive and complex document, which covers the areas within the competence of both the European institutions and the EU Member States. A mode of provisional application may be distributed only to those areas of the Association Agreement, which relate to exclusive or mixed competence of the EU, as application of the Agreement in other areas will require ratification by the parliaments of the EU member states," the MFA noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/association_agreement_partially_comes_into_force_326933

Ukraine closes consulate in Nizhny Novgorod, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. "The Consulate General of Ukraine in Nizhny Novgorod completes its work. The consular reception of citizens completed October 31," the Foreign Ministry website reads.

It is noted that to further address the consular affairs one should contact the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine to Russia in Moscow.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_closes_consulate_in_nizhny_novgorod_326929

Ukraine approves agreement on reverse gas supplies from Germany, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Energy and Coal Industry Ministry has approved an agreement on natural gas purchases between Germany's E.ON and Ukraine's Naftogaz. This is stated in an order signed by Energy Minister Yuriy Prodan.

"To agree on a framework contract for the sale and purchase of natural gas between E.ON Global Commodities SE and National Joint Stock Company Naftogaz of Ukraine," reads the document posted on the ministry's website.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_approves_agreement_on_reverse_gas_supplies_from_germany_326973

Poroshenko dismisses chiefs of SBU offices in three regions, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed decrees dismissing the chiefs of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) offices in Kirovohrad, Luhansk and Sumy regions. The decrees have been posted on the website of the head of state.

In particular, the president sacked head of the SBU office in Kirovohrad region Serhiy Shulha, head of the SBU office in Luhansk region Mykhailo Hrek and head of the SBU office in Sumy region Volodymyr Ivaniuk.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_chiefs_of_sbu_offices_in_three_regions_326978

National Bank bans investments in occupied Crimea, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine bans Ukrainians to invest in objects of investment activities, located on the temporary occupied territory of the free economic zone Crimea.

This is said in the NBU resolution No. 699 "On the use of some norms of currency legislation during a regime of temporary occupation of the territory of the free economic area Crimea" of November 3, 2014, which is published on the regulator's website.

"Investments of residents in objects of investment activities, located (registered) on the territory of Crimea, are banned," the resolution reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_bank_bans_investments_in_occupied_crimea_326990

Naftogaz transfers part of debt to Gazprom, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. Naftogaz transferred a part of debt to Gazprom.

NJSC Naftogaz transferred to OJSC Gazprom the first payment for 11.5 billion cu m of unpaid gas at a price of USD 268.5 per thousand cu m.

The press service of the Energy and Coal Industry Ministry informs.

"October 4, 2014, NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine transferred USD 1.45 billion to OJSC Gazprom in payment for supplied and unpaid earlier gas volumes," the Ministry noted.

Gazprom confirms receiving a payment of USD 1.45 billion from Naftogaz of Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/naftogaz_transfers_part_of_debt_to_gazprom_326999

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gazprom_confirms_payment_from_ukraine_327001

Poroshenko legitimizes fighting against money laundering, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. The President signed the Law "On prevention and counteraction to legalization (laundering) of proceeds from crime and financing of terrorism and financing proliferation of mass destruction weapons."

"The document provides for the formation of a national analytical database to assist law enforcement agencies of Ukraine and foreign countries and providing them with opportunities to identify, verify and investigate crimes, related to money laundering and other illicit financial transactions," the press service of the Head of state informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_legitimizes_fighting_against_money_laundering_327007

SBU prevents series of terrorist attacks in Lviv, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has unveiled a dangerous terrorist group that was preparing acts of terrorism in Lviv.

"Members of a criminal group were detained, who called themselves the "Kuznetsov group" and were planning to commit a series of terrorist attacks in Ukraine," SBU press center reported.

According to the SBU, the group consisted of five citizens of Ukraine. They were recruited by the Russian intelligence service and underwent a sabotage training in a camp for mercenaries on the territory of the Russian Federation.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_prevents_series_of_terrorist_attacks_in_lviv_327009

SBU detains six spies, 07.11.2014

KYIV, November 7 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has detained six Ukrainians who informed militants from the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) about the movement of Ukrainian troops.

"Six informants of the DPR terrorist organization have been detained. They collected and transferred data on the deployment and movement of Ukrainian military to terrorists," SBU spokeswoman Olena Hitlianska said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_detains_six_spies_327058

CEC counts all ballots, six parties enter Ukrainian parliament, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Central Election Commission (CEC) has completed the processing of electronic protocols from precinct election commissions in early elections for the Verkhovna Rada as of 23.30 on Friday.

The data on 100% of the processed protocols have been posted on the commission's website. The People's Front won the elections on party lists, with 22.14% of the vote. The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko took second place (21.81%), and Samopomich Union is third (10.97%).

The Opposition Bloc (9.43%), the Radical Party (7.44%) and Batkivshchyna (5.68%) also enter the Ukrainian parliament.

Svoboda failed to pass the 5% electoral threshold, garnering 4.71% of the vote. Other parties won less than 4% of the vote.

In addition, all 198 district election commissions included in the Elections system the information on the results of voting for candidates running at single-member electoral districts.

The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko will have the greatest number of seats in parliament according to preliminary calculations of the results of voting in a multi-member district and single-member electoral districts.

Rhus, the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko will have most MPs in the Verkhovna Rada of the eighth convocation - 132, the People's Front - 82, and Samopomich Union - 33, the Opposition Bloc will have 29 deputies in the new parliament, the Radical Party - 22, and Batkivshchyna - 19.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec_counts_all_ballots_six_parties_enter_ukrainian_parliament_327064

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_bloc_to_have_greatest_number_of_seats_in_parliament_327072

NBU calls for ban on early withdrawal of deposits, 10.11.2014

Ukraine's central bank, the National Bank of Ukraine, has asked parliament to amend the Civil Code of Ukraine to prohibit the early withdrawal of fixed deposits, NBU Governor Valeria Gontareva has said live on Ukrainian television's Channel 1 + 1.

"We have already prepared a bill for a meeting of the new Parliament on banning the early withdrawal of fixed deposits for a certain period of time," Gontareva said.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/1007155-nbu-calls-for-ban-on-early-withdrawal-of-deposits.html>

NBU, banks agree on exchange rate of UAH 15-16 per dollar, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) and bankers have agreed on the equilibrium exchange rate of UAH 15-16 per U.S. dollar, the NBU's press service has told Ukrinform.

"We think and feel that we have found the equilibrium exchange rate of the hryvnia. The banks have set the hryvnia fluctuation range at a level of UAH 15-16 [per U.S. dollar], owing to NBU auctions and the exchange rate at which they bought foreign currency. Following today's auction, the average rate is UAH 15.22 [per U.S. dollar]. We have agreed on this rate," the NBU said.

The central bank's press service said that the NBU did not plan to introduce new administrative measures to stabilize the exchange rate.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_banks_agree_on_exchange_rate_of_uah_15_16_per_dollar_327094

Cabinet of Ministers obliges companies to buy gas only from Naftogaz, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has obliged industrial, power- and heat-generating enterprises to buy gas exclusively from Naftogaz of Ukraine from December 1, 2014.

This is stated in Cabinet of Ministers resolution No. 596 of November 7.

"To establish that from December 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 industrial, power- and heat-generating (in terms of industrial volumes of gas) companies, stated on the list according to the supplement, are obliged to make the purchase of natural gas exclusively from the guaranteed supplier - National Joint-Stock Company Naftogaz of Ukraine," the document says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet_of_ministers_obliges_companies_to_buy_gas_only_from_naftogaz_327095

SBU arrests deputy of ex-chief, 10.11.2014

Ukraine's Security Service the SBU has detained a deputy of the ex-head of the service, SBU Chief Valentyn Nalyvaychenko said on Sunday on Ukrainian television's Channel 1 + 1.

"The Staff Service of the counterintelligence has detained this [wanted] general," Nalyvaychenko said. He did not name the officer.

"These people are those whom we suspect, and whom we will continue to arrest until we get 'number one', [the former head of the SBU Olexandr Yakymenko]," he said.

"Thanks to such generals, Ukraine recruited a large number of officers who brought in the weapons that have appeared in Ukraine over the years," he added.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1007171-sbu-arrests-deputy-of-ex-chief.html>

Turchynov refuses to sign law on amnesty for terrorists, 10.11.2014

Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov has said he will not sign the law granting an amnesty to terrorists in the Donbas because they have failed to stick to their commitments, according to Ukrainian television's Espresso.TV.

"The Ukrainian Parliament adopted the amnesty law for the terrorists of the Donbas, but there were no prerequisites for [such] an amnesty, as the terrorists and Russian military were never going to meet their commitments," Turchynov said live on Ukrainian television's Ukraina channel.

"So I did not even sign this law and sent it [back] to the Administration of the President," Turchynov said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1007244-turchynov-refuses-to-sign-law-on-amnesty-for-terrorists.html>

SBU chief to undergo lustration checks, 11.11.2014

The chief of Ukraine's SBU security service, Valentyn Nalyvaychenko, will undergo checks by a special committee in line with the law on lustration, Ukrainian Justice Minister Pavlo Petrenko has said, according to Ukrainian television's Espresso.TV

"The chief of Ukraine's security service will have to pass the lustration check after the appropriate commission verifies his documents," Petrenko said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1007714-sbu-chief-to-undergo-lustration-checks.html>

CEC announces official results of elections by party lists, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. The Central Election Commission officially announced and signed a protocol on the voting results at the early elections of people's deputies October 26 in the national multi-mandate constituency.

A relevant protocol was signed by the CEC members in a regime of a meeting late at night on Monday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec_announces_official_results_of_elections_by_party_lists_327111

Official election results published in parliamentary newspaper, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. The names of MPs elected at early parliamentary elections in Ukraine on October 26 have been published in today's issue of the Holos Ukrainy newspaper. A total of 421 MPs elected to the Verkhovna Rada, among them 225 on party lists and 196 at single-member electoral districts. In particular, the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko received 132 parliamentary seats, the People's Front - 82, Samopomich Union - 33, the Opposition Bloc - 29, the Radical Party - 22, Batkivshchyna - 19, and Svoboda - 6.

In addition, one MP each from Strong Ukraine, Zastup, Volia and Right Sector was elected at single-member constituencies. The deputies that ran as self-nominees were elected at 94 single-member constituencies.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/official_election_results_published_in_parliamentary_newspaper_327128

All ministers and heads of administrations from Svoboda resign, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Oleksandr Sych, Agricultural Policy and Food Minister Ihor Shvaika and Environment and Natural Resources Minister Andriy

Mokhnyk, who are representatives of the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union, have announced the termination of their powers in the government. In addition, statements of resignation have been submitted by the heads of state administrations from Svoboda.

Sych said this at the Cabinet of Ministers on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported. "On behalf of the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union I would like to announce the declaration of resignation of members of government and heads of state administrations. The Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union announces resignation by the nationalists-members of the Cabinet of Ministers, the heads of regional and district administrations in connection with the announcement of the results of the early parliamentary elections and the formation of a new coalition," Sych said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/all_ministers_and_heads_of_administrations_from_svoboda_resign_327146

Opposition Bloc officially says about going to opposition, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. The Opposition Bloc officially says about formation of the parliamentary coalition in the Verkhovna Rada of the VIII Convocation.

"The Opposition Bloc undertakes responsibility for formation of the parliamentary opposition, which will fight for interests of people," a statement of the political force reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/opposition_bloc_officially_says_about_going_to_opposition_327155

Ukraine to mark Day of Dignity and Freedom on November 21, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a decree on marking the Day of Dignity and Freedom on November 21 every year.

The head of state wrote this on Twitter.

"I have signed a decree on marking the Day of Dignity and Freedom on November 21 every year. Ukraine is a territory of freedom," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_to_mark_day_of_dignity_and_freedom_on_november_21_327173

Constitutional Court to check lustration law, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's Supreme Court will appeal to the Constitutional Court to verify certain provisions of the law on the cleansing of power.

Such a decision was backed by 27 out of the 43 judges at a court plenum on Monday

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/constitutional_court_to_check_lustration_law_327225

Poroshenko appoints Rainin administration deputy head, 18.11.2014

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Ihor Rainin as Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine. The corresponding decree, No. 882/2014, has been posted at the Web site of the President.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1010582-poroshenko-appoints-rainin-administration-deputy-head.html>

Poroshenko dismisses three regional governors, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed decrees dismissing the heads of the Poltava, Rivne and Ternopil regional state administrations.

The decrees have been posted on the official website of the head of state.

In particular, Viktor Buhaichuk was dismissed as chairman of Poltava Regional State Administration, Serhiy Rybachok as governor of Rivne region and Oleh Syrotiuk as governor of Ternopil region.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_three_regional_governors_327247

Ukraine invites international observers to monitor gas transit from Russia, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. "The Western media have been discussing for several months whether there are Russian troops in eastern Ukraine. And a few months passed when the observers arrived there and saw everything with their own eyes. The situation with gas is the same. Gas is an element of a large-scale conflict between Russia and Ukraine. We invite international observers to monitor gas flow," Naftogaz of Ukraine CEO Andriy Kobolev said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_invites_international_observers_to_monitor_gas_transit_from_russia_327253

Nearly \$1.5 bln on accounts of Yanukovich partners blocked, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. The total amount of the blocked funds on the accounts of 44 non-resident companies controlled by the "family" of former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich is \$1.42 billion, including \$1.37 billion frozen in Ukraine and \$49.51 million abroad. The State Service for Financial Monitoring of Ukraine has received such since March 2014, Liga.Net reported.

"In general, 530 accounts of 92 individuals and 81 accounts of 32 legal entities involved in corruption have been detected in Ukraine following measures taken by the State Service for Financial Monitoring. The funds worth UAH 1.72 billion, \$190.95 million, EUR 16.28 million and RUB 410,000, precious metals (gold and silver) worth UAH 2.95 million, as well as securities worth UAH 2.55 billion and \$1.02 billion, have been blocked," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nearly_15_bln_on_accounts_of_yanukovich_partners_blocked_327257

Government approves unilateral demarcation of border with Russia, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted a draft presidential decree on the unilateral demarcation of the state border between Ukraine and Russia.

Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers Ostep Semerak told this to journalists after a government meeting on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"The government has approved the draft," Semerak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_approves_unilateral_demarcation_of_border_with_russia_327272

Poroshenko signs law on status of internally displaced persons, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed the law on ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons (No. 4490a-1), the presidential press service has reported.

The head of state signed the document at a meeting with citizens who were forced to leave their homes because of the situation in Donbas.

"Europe has not seen in decades such a number of displaced persons and the problems faced by Ukraine. Of course, we have to find and offer solutions to the problems of each person in order to help them live through these difficult times," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_law_on_status_of_internally_displaced_persons_327279

Biometric passport to cost 15 euros, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. The cost of a biometric passport, which Ukrainians will be able to get early next year, will be about 15 euros, and it will be produced for 20 days.

This was stated by Ukrainian State Migration Service spokesman Serhiy Hunko, Hromadske.TV reported.

"From January 1, units will begin their work in every region, and in the near future we will significantly expand their number. A person comes, submits an application, gets photographed and has his or her fingers scanned - and that's all. The standard procedure for the production of a biometric passport takes 20 working days. According to preliminary information of the manufacturer, the price will be about 15 euros in the hryvnia equivalent. There is also an accelerated procedure - seven working days with a double payment of duty," Hunko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/biometric_passport_to_cost_15_euros_327285

All five parties initial text of coalition agreement, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Participants in talks on the creation of a coalition in the Verkhovna Rada have initialed the text of the coalition agreement.

Newly elected MP from the People's Front Party Viktoriya Siumar reported on Facebook.

"02.00. We have initialed the text. The presentation is scheduled for 12.30 on the Maidan anniversary by all five leaders of political parties of the new Rada and the coalition. This is the result of compromise and consensus in all positions," she wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/all_five_parties_initial_text_of_coalition_agreement_327302

Ukraine marks first anniversary of Euromaidan protests, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Euromaidan protests began in Ukraine on November 21, 2013, which are now called the Revolution of Dignity.

On that day, journalists and people not indifferent to the fate of the country gathered on Independence Square (Maidan Nezalezhnosti) in Kyiv to protest against the refusal by the government led by Prime Minister Mykola Azarov to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

Later, multi-thousand rallies spread throughout Ukraine and escalated into an armed confrontation between the government and citizens. More than a hundred people were killed in Kyiv's riots.

After a series of demands by protesters and the opposition to the government caused by bloody clashes on February 18-20, 2014, security forces began to slowly retreat. Many MPs started leaving the Party of Regions faction in the Verkhovna Rada. This resulted in the resumption of the work of the parliament, which unanimously approved a number of fateful decisions for the country that stopped the confrontation.

"It was a very difficult test for Ukraine... I, as president of Ukraine, have only to document it and sign a decree on the Day of Dignity and Freedom, which Ukrainians will now and forever mark on November 21... Ukraine is a territory of dignity and freedom," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_marks_first_anniversary_of_euromaidan_protests_327308

Poroshenko to confer Hero of Ukraine title on Heavenly Hundred, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has decided to confer the Hero of Ukraine title on all heroes of the Heavenly Hundred.

"I have decided to confer the Hero of Ukraine title on all Heavenly Hundred Heroes," Poroshenko wrote on his Twitter page on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_to_confer_hero_of_ukraine_title_on_heavenly_hundred_327310

Coalition agreement signed in parliament, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Members of a future coalition in the newly elected Verkhovna Rada have publicly signed a coalition formation agreement.

The agreement was signed by representatives of the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, People's Front, Samopomich, Radical Party and Batkivshchyna.

"The signing of the agreement on the Maidan anniversary is a landmark event. We are obliged to meet the expectations of the people who stood on the Maidan," Volodymyr Hroisman said after the signing of the agreement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/coalition_agreement_signed_in_parliament_327315

Klitschko refuses to serve as MP, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko has refused a people's deputy mandate. A respective application has already been submitted to the Central Election Commission, Klitschko's press service reported.

"I have repeatedly stated that I will remain mayor of the capital and that I won't let down Kyiv's residents who entrusted me with defending their interests and who expect changes and reforms. By taking responsibility and topping the joint list, I brought to parliament my party members - politicians who will implement people's expectations not only in Kyiv, but also across the country, and they will work to ensure the necessary reforms," Klitschko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/klitschko_refuses_to_serve_as_mp_327322

Poroshenko dismisses deputy SBU chief, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a decree dismissing Andriy Levus as deputy chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). The decree was posted on the website of the head of state on Monday.

Levus was dismissed from the post due to his election as a Ukrainian MP.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_deputy_sbu_chief_327349

Ukraine, Lithuania sign road map for two years, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine and Lithuania have signed a road map for the development of strategic partnership for 2015-2016.

The document was signed by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite. The signing ceremony took place in the House with Chimeras in Kyiv. On November 24, Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite is a one-day visit to Kyiv as part of which she attended the 7th meeting of the council of presidents of Ukraine and Lithuania.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_lithuania_sign_road_map_for_two_years_327340

SBU arrests 668 people for separatism this year, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has opened more than 3,000 proceedings over separatist activities.

An advisor to the SBU chief, Markiyan Lubkivsky, said this on Wednesday.

"Since March this year, investigative security agencies have had more than 3,000 criminal proceedings initiated due to the crimes committed against the national security of Ukraine, against public safety and other crimes related to separatism and terrorism in southeastern Ukraine and Crimea," he wrote on his page on Facebook.

He said that as part of these proceedings 967 persons had been declared suspects, 668 had been arrested and that 186 people had been put on the wanted list.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_arrests_668_people_for_separatism_this_year_327384

Government sacks deputy minister for permitting electricity imports from Russia, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers at a meeting on Wednesday dismissed Ukrainian Deputy Energy and Coal Industry Minister Vadym Ulyda.

Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers Ostep Semerak told this to reporters on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We responded to the Energy and Coal Industry Ministry's decision to approve electricity imports from Russia. A respective permit was signed by former Deputy Minister Vadym Ulyda. Today he was dismissed," Semerak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_sacks_deputy_minister_for_permitting_electricity_imports_from_russia_327392

Poroshenko had a hard talk with Putin - media, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin on November 26.

At 22:00, journalists who were waiting for the completion of a meeting of the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko faction saw Russian Ambassador to Ukraine Mikhail Zurabov leaving the building of the Presidential Administration, the Insider online news site reported.

Later, an administration representative said that at that time Poroshenko had a hard talk with Putin in the presence of the ambassador. The source said that it lasted one-and-a-half hours. The president was dissatisfied at the faction meeting.

"There is a problem with Russia - they threaten to begin an attack and demand that [Ukraine] recognize separatist republics and refuse to join NATO and the EU," the source said.

Another person close to the president said that there had been no contacts with Moscow for more than a week after the G20 summit in Australia.

"Earlier, they talked by phone almost every day, and we also talked through intermediaries, but now all contacts have been stopped. And we don't know what he [Putin] is planning to do," the interlocutor said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_had_a_hard_talk_with_putin_media_327394

New parliament opens first meeting, MPs sworn-in, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. The inaugural first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of the eighth convocation has opened.

The meeting is attended by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, as well as former Presidents Leonid Kravchuk, Leonid Kuchma and Viktor Yushchenko.

The newly elected MPs simultaneously took the oath of office.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new_parliament_opens_first_meeting_mps_sworn_in_327397

Turchynov no longer parliament speaker, Hroisman takes up his post, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov has resigned as parliament speaker.

"According to the Constitution of Ukraine, I am terminating the powers of the Verkhovna Rada chairman and announcing the termination of powers of MPs of the seventh convocation," Turchynov said.

He said that 418 MPs had currently been sworn-in and registered.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_no_longer_parliament_speaker_hroisman_takes_up_his_post_327401

Yatseniuk announces government resignation, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has announced the termination of powers of the Cabinet of Ministers.

"The mission has been accomplished. Please appoint a new government," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_announces_government_resignation_327402

Six factions formed in parliament, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. The chairman of the group on preparations for the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada, Volodymyr Hroisman, has announced the creation of six factions in parliament, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported.

The People's Front faction includes 83 MPs and is led by Oleksandr Turchynov. The Samopomich Union faction led by Oleh Bereziuk includes 32 MPs, the Radical Party faction - 22 (faction leader - Oleh Liashko), Batkivshchyna - 19 (faction leader - Yulia Tymoshenko), and the Opposition Bloc - 40 (faction leader - Yuriy Boiko).

The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko faction of 146 MPs is the most numerous faction in parliament. It is led by Yuriy Lutsenko.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_factions_formed_in_parliament_327404

Coalition formed in parliament, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. The head of the temporary presidium of the Verkhovna Rada, Volodymyr Hroisman, has announced the creation of a coalition of 302 MPs in the new parliament, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported.

"Our coalition has been set up in a Ukrainian European parliament by a constitutional majority of 302 MPs," Hroisman said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/coalition_formed_in_parliament_327405

Yatseniuk retains premier's post, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Incumbent Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has again been elected head of government.

A total of 341 MPs voted for such a decision.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_retains_premiers_post_327410

Ukrposhta suspends delivery of letters and parcels to occupied Donbas, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Ukrposhta has suspended from November 27 the reception and delivery of letters and parcels on the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions that are not controlled by the Ukrainian authorities, the company's press service has reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrposhta_suspends_delivery_of_letters_and_parcel_to_occupied_donbas_327412

Medvedev phones Yatseniuk, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has held a telephone conversation with newly appointed Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk. The press service of the Russian government reported this on Thursday, according to TASS. "Medvedev and Yatseniuk discussed financial and economic cooperation between the two countries," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedev_phones_yatseniuk_327417

State energy companies stop activity in anti-terrorist operation zone, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Energy and Coal Industry Ministry on November 28 stops the financial and business activity of its state enterprises located in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine.

A respective decision is stipulated in ministry order No. 841.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state_energy_companies_stop_activity_in_anti_terrorist_operation_zone_327419

Terrorism / Separatism

ATO positions attacked 37 times over day, no casualties, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. The night was relatively calm in Donbas, despite the fact that militants fired the ATO positions 37 times over 24 hours. There are no casualties among Ukrainian soldiers.

"In the evening (October 31) firing from small arms was recorded on the bridge near Shchastia, artillery shelling near Novomykhailivka, mortar attacks and gunfire in the vicinity of Debaltseve. No information regarding losses among Ukrainian military personnel during these clashes," ATO press officer Vladyslav Selezniiov noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_positions_attacked_37_times_over_day_no_casualties_326927

Krymske on fire through terrorists' shelling, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists do not stop shelling the village of Krymske, Luhansk region, there are damaged homes, some homes are on fire after some direct hits.

"Today, intensive shelling of Krymske, Novoaidarsky district, began from 9:00 a.m. Terrorists fire from mortars, Grad rocket launchers and guns. Private homes are damaged, some were set on fire after direct hits. It is still impossible to establish whether there are casualties," Luhansk Regional State Administration Chairman Hennadiy Moskal wrote on his website.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/krymske_on_fire_through_terrorists_shelling_326931

Another six Ukrainian soldiers killed in ATO area, 01.11.2014

KYIV, November 1 /Ukrinform/. Six soldiers of the ATO forces were killed in the area of anti-terrorist operations in Donbas region over the past day. Another 10 people were wounded.

"For the past day, our losses are six dead and 10 wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center deputy Head Volodymyr Poliovy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_six_ukrainian_soldiers_killed_in_ato_area_326935

Militants violate "silence mode" 2,400 times - Tymchuk, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists, since the moment of signing the Minsk agreements, violated the ceasefire mode 2,400 times.

Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

"Total number of violations of the ceasefire mode by Russian-terrorist forces since the moment of signing the Minsk agreements is about 2,400," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_violate_silence_mode_2400_times_tymchuk_326944

Militants shell Ukrainian positions on Bakhmutka highway at night, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. At night, militants shelled Ukrainian positions on the Bakhmutka highway.

"At night, militants fired our positions, which provide support to actions at roadblocks on the Bakhmutka highway. The fire was held from small arms, anti-aircraft mount ZU-23-2 and mortars," ATO Press Center statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_on_bakhmutka_highway_at_night_326945

Past day in Donbas conflict zone passes without losses and injuries, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. "No Ukrainian soldier has been killed or injured in the past 24 hours," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/past_day_in_donbas_conflict_zone_passes_without_losses_and_injuries_326950

Russian Su-24s circling over Azov Sea, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian border guards have recorded three Russian Su-24 aircraft circling over the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait.

"The use by the Russian Armed Forces of three Su-24 reconnaissance aircraft over the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait has been recorded in the past 24 hours," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_su_24s_circling_over_azov_sea_326951

Militants lose about 60% of forces in fight for Donetsk airport, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. Militants lose about 60% of their forces in the fight for the Donetsk airport.

Head of the Right Sector Information Center, newly elected people's deputy of Ukraine Boryslav Bereza told on air of the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

"Our forces and Right Sector battalions successfully fight against the enemy. We do not retreat and, moreover, today the militants stopped to burst ahead, since they understood hopelessness of the situation... the number of losses is about 60 percent among those attacking," Bereza said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_lose_about_60_of_forces_in_fight_for_donetsk_airport_326952

Donetsk airport controlled by Ukrainian military, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. Both terminals of the Donetsk airport are under control of Ukrainian law enforcers.

"There are only two terminals at the Donetsk airport: old and new, and both are under control of Ukrainian military," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said, commenting on the rumors about the alleged seizure of one of the terminals by militants.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_airport_controlled_by_ukrainian_military_326953

OSCE drone crashes in Donbas, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. One unmanned aerial vehicle of the OSCE monitoring mission crashed in Donbas on October 29 after terrorists used signal jammers.

U.S. Ambassador to the OSCE Daniel Baer wrote this on his Twitter page.

"OSCE SMM head Ambassador [Ertugrul] Apakan announces OSCE UAVs hit by jammers as Russia-backed fighters attacked a Ukrainian checkpoint on October 29," the ambassador wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_drone_crashes_in_donbas_326954

NSDC has no idea about contents of fifth "humanitarian convoy" from Russia, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian side did not receive any data about the contents of the fifth "humanitarian convoy," which illegally crossed the Ukrainian border.

"It is known that it (the fifth Russian "humanitarian convoy" - Ed.) illegally crossed the border of Ukraine. Nothing is known about the contents of this convoy and we do not have exact data about it," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_has_no_idea_about_contents_of_fifth_humanitarian_convoy_from_russia_326955

OSCE says its drone was attacked but landed safely, 03.11.2014

KYIV, November 3 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE has specified that an OSCE mission drone was subjected to GPS jamming, but the unmanned aerial vehicle landed safely, according to the Twitter page of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine.

"OSCE UAV was subjected to GPS jamming on October 29, three kilometers west of Sartana, but left the area, landing safely," the OSCE said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_says_its_drone_was_attacked_but_landed_safely_326962

Militants shell Donetsk airport at night, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. A night passed calmly in Luhansk region, no shelling of ATO positions was observed in the sector. The ATO press center informs.

Instead, in Donetsk region, militants carried out mortar shelling of our roadblock near the settlement of Mykolaivka and fired the Donetsk airport from small arms and mortars.

The situation on the south of the ATO area is under control of our forces. There was no shelling of positions of Ukrainian military.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_donetsk_airport_at_night_326968

Terrorists shelled Ukrainian military 20 times over day, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. "Over the previous day, Russian-terrorist forces carried out shelling of the ATO forces more than 20 times from small arms, mortars, artillery and multiple launch rocket systems", Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shelled_ukrainian_military_20_times_over_day_326969

Militants redeploy military equipment to Telmanove, Novoazovsk, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue redeployment of armed vehicles from the north of Donetsk region to the area of settlements of Telmanove and Novoazovsk.

"Redeployment is carried out by small groups with observation of masking rules," Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_redeploy_military_equipment_to_telmanove_novoazovsk_326970

Russia deploys Iskander missile systems on border with Ukraine - Tymchuk, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Russia has deployed Iskander tactical missile systems in the border area, opposite Ukraine's Donetsk region.

"The arrival of six Iskander tactical missile systems has been recorded in the border zone of the Russian Federation, opposite Ukraine's Donetsk region," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_deploys_iskander_missile_systems_on_border_with_ukraine_tymchuk_326976

Militants leave Donbas without medicines, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. "In the areas in Donetsk region temporarily controlled by terrorists, due to the destruction of the banking system by them, pharmacies are unable to purchase medicines. New purchases are not made, whereas the range and amount of medicines are declining rapidly," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_leave_donbas_without_medicines_326980

Terrorists shell Shchastia, Krymske and Stanytsia Luhanska, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. Yesterday, terrorists shelled the settlements in Luhansk region, controlled by Ukrainian authorities.

"Terrorists shelled the settlement of Zolote, Hirske, Shchastia and Stanytsia Luhanska, as well as the villages of Triokhizbenka, Krymske and Novotoshkivka. As a result of shelling, private houses were ruined," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_shchastia_krymske_and_stanytsia_luhanska_326982

Terrorists attack Berezove, one military wounded, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists shelled the Ukrainian Army subunit near the settlement of Berezove, Donetsk region. As a result, one military was wounded.

“About a midnight, militants fired our subunit near the settlement of Berezove with anti-tank guided missile, Donetsk region. As a result of fire, one military was wounded, he was sent to a hospital,” ATO Press Center statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_attack_berezove_one_military_wounded_326997

Russia pulls more than 100 armored vehicles and tanks to Ukrainian border, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. “Over the last day, transfer to the border areas of about 60 armored vehicles was fixed from Rostov-on-Don (Russian Federation). A train with 50 tanks and 10 unmarked command and staff vehicles arrived in the train station Kamensk-Shakhtinsky (Rostov, Russia). In the area of the settlement of Donetsk (Rostov, Russia) movement of about 70 armored vehicles was fixed to the side of the state border,” Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulls_more_than_100_armored_vehicles_and_tanks_to_ukrainian_border_326998

Militants shell Mariupol suburbs, casualties reported, 05.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. Positions of the Ukrainian Army in Mariupol suburbs were subject to mortar and tank fire.

“As a result, one military was killed, one wounded. In some cases, militants carried out fire from the housing quarters of settlements, using the banned methods of conducting the fight, hoping that the fire will not be opened on them,” Mariupol defense headquarters informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_mariupol_suburbs_casualties_reported_327002

Shell hits Donetsk school, kills two children, four in intensive care, 05.11.2014

A shell hit a school in Donetsk on Wednesday, killing two children and injuring another four, eyewitness at the scene have reported.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1005664-shell-hits-donetsk-school-kills-two-children-four-in-intensive-care.html>

Last night quiet at Donetsk airport, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. Last night at the Donetsk airport was quiet, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported on Facebook.

"Last night passed quietly at the Donetsk airport," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/last_night_quiet_at_donetsk_airport_327010

Militants shell roadblocks in area of Bakhmutka highway, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. Militants continue shelling positions of ATO forces in Luhansk region.

“The situation is controlled by the ATO forces on the designated sector of the Bakhmutka highway, at night militants shelled our roadblock in the area of the settlement of Krymske, from artillery - Vilkhove,” ATO press center statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_roadblocks_in_area_of_bakhmutka_highway_327013

Mortar detachment of militants destroyed near Frunze, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. Two mortar detachments of militants were destroyed in the area of Frunze, Luhansk region.

“In the area of Frunze, as a result of the counter-firing duel, two mortar detachments of Russian-terrorist forces were destroyed. In this district, a very low level of professional skills is observed with the enemy mortar gunners,” Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mortar_detachment_of_militants_destroyed_near_frunze_327014

Terrorists shell Ukrainian military 40 times over day, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. "Russian-terrorist forces continue violating conditions of the so-called temporary ceasefire. Over the previous day, over 40 times shelling of ATO forces' positions was fixed," Information Resistance group Head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_ukrainian_military_40_times_over_day_327016

Militants trying to gain fire superiority near Mariupol, 06.11.2014

KYIV, November 6 /Ukrinform/. The militants are trying to gain fire superiority near Mariupol. The situation is under ATO control in the south of Donetsk region, despite the fact that the militants are trying to take the fire advantage.

"Counter-fire battery shooting is between Ukrainian artillery units and the artillery of militants to the north of Mariupol. The enemy is trying to take fire advantage in this area," Information Resistance group Head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_trying_to_gain_fire_superiority_near_mariupol_327018

Donbas election observer says he was paid by Russia, 06.11.2014

Czech journalist and politician Ladislav Zemánek, who participated as an international observer of Sunday's elections in Donetsk, has said on Facebook that his mission was organized and paid for by Russia, online news agency Evropeiska Pravda has reported.

Zemánek mentioned in his report another two observers who visited the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic with him, neither of whom denied that they had been paid by Russia.

"The action was organized by Russia, and it was obvious who paid for it," said Zemánek, who previously held the post of deputy chairman of a party that has called for the country's withdrawal from the European Union.

"I recognize the recent elections in the Donetsk region... I can state with a clear conscience that I did not notice any mistakes during these elections, they were held in a very friendly atmosphere and with a great enthusiasm. We could learn from their success," he said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1006101-donbas-election-observer-says-he-was-paid-by-russia.html>

Shell that hit school in Donetsk 'fired from militant-controlled Makiivka', 06.11.2014

The shell that hit a school in the militant-controlled city of Donetsk on Wednesday, killing two children and injuring another four, was fired from Makiivka, which is also in insurgent territory, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said on Twitter on Thursday.

"The shell that hit the school and killed [those] children in Donetsk was fired from territory controlled by the terrorists. We have photo evidence of it," he tweeted.

Perebyinis posted photos that he said proved that the militants were to blame for shelling the school. According to these photos, the shelling was carried out by insurgents from the occupied town of Makiivka, which is located to the east of Donetsk.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1005969-shell-that-hit-school-in-donetsk-fired-from-militant-controlled-makiivka.html>

Gunmen storm Donetsk airport for 5 hours, one Ukrainian soldier killed, 06.11.2014

Militants launched massive attacks on Donetsk airport on Thursday morning, killing one Ukrainian soldier, according to a report from the Ukrainian Right Sector Volunteer Corps posted on a social network.

"A strong attack on the airport was launched. At 0900, an attack was launched on the [airport] tower, accompanied by massive artillery shelling, [and] one of the shells hit [one of our] positions. One man from the Right Sector was killed (a soldier from the 5th separate battalion Ukrainian Right Sector Volunteer Corps, an 18-year-old from Sumy)," the posting reads.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1006054-gunmen-storm-donetsk-airport-for-5-hours-one-ukrainian-soldier-killed.html>

LPR and DPR say they are drawing up new Minsk Protocol wording, 06.11.2014

Insurgents in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) say they are intending to put forward "a new edition of the Minsk Protocol," according to a statement issued by militants in Luhansk on Thursday.

The proposals will be announced during the next round of consultations, the militants said.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1006161-lpr-and-dpr-say-they-are-drawing-up-new-minsk-protocol-wording.html>

Fighting in conflict zone intensifies, with three soldiers killed, four injured, 07.11.2014

Fighting in Ukraine's Donbas conflict zone has intensified over the last 24 hours, with three Ukrainian soldiers being killed and four wounded.

"Anti-government militants fired Grad rockets at the villages of Tonenke and Orlivka, while mortars were fired at the village of Chernukhyne with its civilians, and Ukrainian forces near Avdiivka, Pisky and Nikishyne."

There has also been fierce fighting in Donetsk and its suburbs, with the insurgents firing on residential districts near the city's Putylovskiy bridge

<http://www.unian.info/society/1006368-fighting-in-conflict-zone-intensifies-with-three-soldiers-killed-four-injured.html>

NSDC: Russia pushes tanks, artillery, ammunition and soldiers into Donbas, 07.11.2014 |

Russia sent 32 tanks, 16 howitzer artillery pieces, and 30 trucks carry ammunition and soldiers into Ukraine's Donbas region on Thursday, the spokesman of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council has said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1006500-nsdc-russia-pushes-tanks-artillery-ammunition-and-soldiers-into-donbas.html>

Tymchuk: Putin considering open aggression, strike groups in Donbas ready to attack, 07.11.2014

Russian President Vladimir Putin may be considering the start of open hostilities against Ukraine, military blogger Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook on Friday.

"The fact that the Russians are moving [equipment] to the border, including tactical missile systems, suggests that Putin is considering the option of open aggression against Ukraine, quite obviously, under the guise of 'protecting the local population' of the Donbas, who expressed their will in the elections in the Donetsk and Luhansk Peoples' Republics," he said. "However, this scenario is clearly not the primary one, and these preparation are more likely a 'safety net,' which also puts pressure on Kyiv in order to prevent it starting active offensive operations against the terrorists."

Tymchuk said an open attack by Russia could not be excluded, but that it would most likely happen only in the event of the insurgents attacking Ukrainian forces, but being beaten, and there then being successful offensives in response by Ukrainian forces.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1006567-tymchuk-putin-considering-open-aggression-strike-groups-in-donbas-ready-to-attack.html>

More human remains found at MH17 crash site, 07.11.2014

More human remains were found at the crash site of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17 as investigators collected parts of the destroyed aircraft, a representative of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic said on Friday.

Ella Zhuranska, a spokeswoman for the pseudo state's Transport Ministry, said Dutch investigators had found the remains.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1006630-more-human-remains-found-at-mh17-crash-site.html>

Ukraine loses one soldier in past 24 hours, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. One Ukrainian soldier has been killed in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours, the ATO press center has reported on its Facebook page.

"According to specified reports, Ukraine has lost one soldier over the past 24 hours. Yesterday afternoon a paratrooper soldier was killed by a sniper bullet while protecting the Donetsk airport," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_one_soldier_in_past_24_hours_327067

OSCE releases report on shelling of school in Donetsk, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine has released a report after visiting the site of the shelling of a school in Donetsk, in which two teenagers were killed on November 5. Observers examined the area and identified ten shell craters.

According to observers, shells were fired from a location north-west of the school's football pitch and were the result of high-angle fire, the BBC reported.

"All craters seen by the SMM were about one meter in diameter and the depths varied. The SMM's analysis indicates that at least four of the craters were caused by 120mm mortar shells and two others were the result of 122mm artillery rounds," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_releases_report_on_shelling_of_school_in_donetsk_327069

Russia pushes troops to Shchastia and Pervomaisk, 08.11.2014

KYIV, November 8 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to build up its military presence in militant-controlled territories in eastern Ukraine.

"In Luhansk region, military equipment and manpower are being moved to the towns of Shchastia, Pervomaisk, Popasna and Slovianoserbsk," NSDC deputy head Volodymyr Polevy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pushes_troops_to_shchastia_and_pervomaisk_327071

Mariupol under control of law enforcers, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "The situation near Mariupol is controlled by our forces," the ATO press center informs on FB.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mariupol_under_control_of_law_enforcers_327086

Militants shell Ukrainian military 65 times, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, firing of Ukrainian forces' positions was fixed 65 times over 24 hours.

"Out of these, 32 times shelling was held on the Debaltseve direction. On the Donetsk and Luhansk directions respectively 13 and six fire blows were fixed, inflicted by Russian forces and terrorists," Information Resistance group Head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_military_65_times_327076

Explosion in Kharkiv pub qualified as terrorist attack, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. Criminal proceedings on the grounds of a terrorist attack have been launched due to an explosion that ripped through the Stina rock pub in Kharkiv, the press service of the Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office has reported.

"The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office oversees a pre-trial investigation into the explosion at a cafe in the city center. The Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) office in Kharkiv region included information about the event into a single register of pre-trial investigations under Part 2, Article 258 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (a terrorist attack that led to serious consequences)," reads the statement.

As reported, the explosion occurred at a rock pub in Kharkiv on Rymarska Street late on Sunday. Eleven people sustained injuries and were taken to medical institutions.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/explosion_in_kharkiv_pub_qualified_as_terrorist_attack_327078

Terrorists fire roadblock near Bakhmutka highway, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "A roadblock not far from the Bakhmutka highway was fired from small arms," ATO press center informs on its Facebook page.

In addition, militants shelled subunits, dislocated at settlements of Triokhizbenka and Kriakivka with MLRS BM-21 Grad.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_fire_roadblock_near_bakhmutka_highway_327082

Two Ukrainian servicemen killed over past 24 hours, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and five more have been injured in the anti-terrorist operation zone over the past 24 hours.

"Losses have been suffered due to all attacks and battles that were taken by our military. Two Ukrainian heroes have been killed, and five have been wounded," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_over_past_24_hours_327090

Terrorists armed with latest Russian air defense systems, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. "The position of the Russian-produced Pantsir air defense system has been spotted at a distance of 500 meters from the checkpoint of militants located at the exit from the town of Novoazovsk in the direction of Mariupol. We emphasize that such systems cannot be service with the Ukrainian Armed Forces," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_armed_with_latest_russian_air_defense_systems_327098

Militants shell ATO forces 30 times over 24 hours, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. Over recent 24 hours, Russian-terrorist forces shelled ATO forces 30 times. Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk told this.

"A special activity of the enemy is noted in the direction of Debaltseve, Luhansk and Donetsk - respectively, 12, nine and eight fire blows," he wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ato_forces_30_times_over_24_hours_327100

OSCE reveals information on location of Ukrainian positions to Russians - mass media, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. Special observers of the OSCE, who yesterday met with representatives of Ukraine and Russia at the "common center of control and coordination," published information on location of Ukrainian military deployment.

Thus, the Russian military came to know about the details of the location of heavy artillery and tanks of Ukrainian security forces near the village of Karlivka, Donetsk region, writes ZN.UA. In the report, the OSCE noted that they intend to continue to "work together with a common center."

Also the OSCE "complained" that on a way via Karlivka to the ATO area, Ukrainian military detained a monitoring group, demanding documents. The OSCE group was released after 2.5 hours.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_reveals_information_on_location_of_ukrainian_positions_to_russians__mass_media_327101

Terrorists fire Debaltseve, Chornukhine, there are wounded, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. Last night, terrorists fired Ukrainian positions 13 times. In particular, as a result of shelling of Debaltseve and Chornukhine, three soldiers were wounded. The ATO press center informs.

"Explosions were heard near Debaltseve and Chornukhine. As a result of shelling, three Ukrainian military were wounded, they were delivered to hospitals," the headquarters noted. The situation in the area of the Bakhmutka highway is tense. "At night, subunits, which are dislocated in this district, were repeatedly fired from MLRS BM-21 Grad and small arms," the press center added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_fire_debaltseve_chornukhine_there_are_wounded_327103

Militants start shelling Donetsk airport since morning, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. Since 6:00 a.m., terrorists started to fire positions of Ukrainian military at the Donetsk airport from small arms and grenade launchers.

The ATO press center wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_start_shelling_donetsk_airport_since_morning_327104

Ukraine loses another five soldiers, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. "As a result of combat actions and shelling over the previous day, we lost five Ukrainian soldiers, another 10 were injured," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_another_five_soldiers_327113

400 Ukrainian military missing, same number in captivity, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. "We have more than 400 people missing, another 399 are being held hostage," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said. He added that for the duration of the ATO, 4,079 military were injured.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/400_ukrainian_military_missing_same_number_in_captivity_327116

Militants hold full mobilization in Torez, Snizhne, Makiyivka and Shakhtarsk, 11.11.2014

KYIV, November 11 /Ukrinform/. "Full mobilization of local residents is announced in the towns, controlled by militants, such as Torez, Snizhne, Makiyivka and Shakhtarsk, Donetsk region," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_hold_full_mobilization_in_torez_snizhne_makiyivka_and_shakhtarsk_327118

Militants again shell Donetsk airport, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists this morning again shelled the Donetsk airport, with one Ukrainian soldier sustaining injuries, the ATO press center reported on its Facebook page. "This morning militants again shelled our positions at the airport. Due to the shelling one of the Ukrainian defenders was injured, and now he is getting medical assistance," reads the report. The airport remains under the control of the Ukrainian military.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_again_shell_donetsk_airport_327125

Militants shell Bakhmutka highway again, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. Militants try to capture a strategic sector of the Bakhmutka highway, which connects Luhansk and Severodonetsk and is a dividing line between the sides in accordance with the Minsk Memorandum.

"At night, militants repeatedly shelled our positions in this district with Grad rocket launchers. They fired on roadblocks, supporting and monitoring stations that are deployed near settlements of Krymske, Donetsk, Vilkhove," the ATO press center statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_bakhmutka_highway_again_327126

Militants open fire on ATO positions more than 50 times over 24 hours, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, shelling of ATO positions was fixed more than 50 times on the part of Russian-terrorist forces.

"Activity of militants and Russian occupants is noted on the Luhansk, Debaltseve and Donetsk directions - fire was opened 21, 14 and 12 times respectively," Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_open_fire_on_ato_positions_more_than_50_times_over_24_hours_327131

Russians and terrorists gather striking force near Pervomaisk, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. A new striking force of Russian troops and terrorists is concentrated in the area of Pervomaisk.

"This group consists of several task forces of Russian troops' squadrons (mainly from the mechanized infantry brigade of the Southern Military District, and, at least, one of them is a combined group of Russian airborne troops) and forces "of the people's militia" by Oleksiy Mozhovy, composed of many militants, members of the former group of Igor Bezler and the Makiyivka group of "militia," the Information Resistance group Head Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russians_and_terrorists_gather_striking_force_near_pervomaisk_327127

Shelling of Shchastia takes life of one Ukrainian soldier, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. Firing of Shchastia by militants took the life of one Ukrainian soldier.

Near the settlement of Shchastia, Luhansk region, as a result of shelling of our positions by militants, one military was killed, another one was wounded. The ATO press center informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shelling_of_shchastia_takes_life_of_one_ukrainian_soldier_327139

Ukraine loses one more soldier, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. "As a result of the shelling and attacks yesterday we lost one of our heroes, and five more were wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_one_more_soldier_327143

Militants close official website of Donetsk mayor, 12.11.2014

KYIV, November 12 /Ukrinform/. In Donetsk, militants closed the official website of the city executive board.

The official website of Donetsk City Mayor Oleksandr Lukianchenko <http://mer.dn> stopped its work, as the "mirror" of the mayor's website <http://www.lukyanchenko.donetsk.ua>.

Over recent months, actual information about the life of Donetsk was published there, information about combat actions and useful information for residents.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_close_official_website_of_donetsk_mayor_327145

40 soldiers of special purpose troops killed in ATO, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. "40 soldiers of special purpose troops were killed in this war. And many of them were not used for their intended purpose, but as the infantry," Director of the Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies Valentyn Badrak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/40_soldiers_of_special_purpose_troops_killed_in_ato_327166

Militants shell school, kindergarten in Luhansk region, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, the situation on the territory of Luhansk region, controlled by Ukraine, became complicated, militants shelled settlements 43 times. The tensest situation is in Stanytsia Luhanska.

The official website of Head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration Hennadiy Moskal reads.

Starting with 8:00 a.m. and until a midnight, Stanytsia Luhanska was shelled eight times from mortars, artillery and small arms. As a result, kindergarten No. 2 was damaged, as well as several private houses in the Molodizhny quarter," he said.

In addition, direct hits of shells were fixed in three multistoried houses in the neighborhood, apartments were damaged: "In Radianska Street, a direct hit from a projectile destroyed a house, damaged electrical and central heating system. In Kalinin Street, one house was destroyed and two houses and a gas pipeline were damaged. In Chapayev Street, one house was completely destroyed, another house - partially. In Moscow-Donbas Street, four shells hit the building, housing was totally destroyed. In Krupska Street, one residential house was destroyed and five - damaged."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_school_kindergarten_in_luhansk_region_327168

Ukraine loses four more soldiers, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. "Over the past 24 hours we have lost four of our soldiers, and 19 have been wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_four_more_soldiers_327171

Russia pulls to border aviation and anti-aircraft defense forces, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. The situation in Donetsk and Lugansk regions tends to complications.

"Ukrainian military fixed constant movement of Russian military equipment with the terrorist labels to the boundary line. Concentration of Russian military units (including anti-aircraft defense units, aviation brigades) continues along the Ukrainian-Russian border," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulls_to_border_aviation_and_anti_aircraft_defense_forces_327172

Ukraine not planning to abandon ceasefire - Lysenko, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine will continue to observe the ceasefire and will not resort to offensive operations, despite provocations from Russia.

"There is no intention to refuse [from the ceasefire]," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_not_planning_to_abandon_ceasefire_lysenko_327174

Ukrainian border guards repulse attack of militants, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists carried out shelling of positions of Ukrainian border guards two times - one time in Luhansk and one time in Donetsk regions. The press service of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_border_guards_repulse_attack_of_militants_327178

Four Ukrainian military killed due to shelling of militants, 18 - wounded, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. "Over 24 hours, in fighting for independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, we lost four military, another 18 were wounded. All wounded were sent to medical establishments, where they will get a qualified assistance," the ATO press center statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_ukrainian_military_killed_due_to_shelling_of_militants_18_wounded_327157

Snipers with latest weaponry deployed to Donetsk airport from Russia, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. "The enemy deployed a sniper unit, armed with the latest innovations of the Russian defense industry - heavy sniper rifles, to the area of the Donetsk airport," Information Resistance group Coordinator Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/snipers_with_latest_weaponry_deployed_to_donetsk_airport_from_russia_327159

Russia staffs majority of terrorist groups in Donbas - Tymchuk, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. Russia has already staffed with personnel the main mass of bandit formations in Donbas, provided them with sufficient number of arms and military equipment.

"Concentration of Russian forces in Donbas has completed. The main mass of local bandit groups were already staffed with personnel, provided with arms and military equipment," Information Resistance group Coordinator Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_staffs_majority_of_terrorist_groups_in_donbas_tymchuk_327161

SBU confirms destruction of Russian missile battalion near Dokuchayevsk, 13.11.2014

KYIV, November 13 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has said that anti-terrorist operation forces destroyed about 150 Russian soldiers in Donetsk region on November 10.

"SBU counterintelligence passed this information (about the place of deployment of Russian military) for the military, and as a result of massive shelling a Russian battalion of about 150 troops was destroyed," An advisor to the SBU chief, Markiyanyan Lubkivsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sbu_confirms_destruction_of_russian_missile_battalion_near_dokuchayevsk_327162

Militants shell Ukrainian positions 50 times over past 24 hours, storm Donetsk airport, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have violated the terms of the ceasefire in Donbas 50 times over the past 24 hours and again tried to seize the Donetsk airport, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

"Trying to take control of the Donetsk airport militants focused their actions on attempts to destroy the communications between the defenders of this strategic facility and the main anti-terrorist operation forces. Last night the bandits repeatedly shelled with mortars the airport and our positions in the village of Pisky," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_50_times_over_past_24_hours_storm_donetsk_airport_327186

Ukrainian troops destroy two firing positions of militants near Donetsk, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military have destroyed two firing positions of terrorists near Donetsk and Krasnohorivka.

"As a result of the actions of Ukrainian troops one firing position of the enemy was destroyed in the area of Spartak and one between the settlements of Pisky and Krasnohorivka. Then the enemy launched a massive shelling with heavy infantry weapons of the positions of Ukrainian troops in these areas," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on FB.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_destroy_two_firing_positions_of_militants_near_donetsk_327187

Terrorists strengthen positions in Donetsk, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Militants are actively engaged in strengthening their front line in Donetsk and near Makiyivka.

"Russian-terrorist forces strengthened their frontline in Petrivsky, Kyivsky and Kirovsky districts of Donetsk, as well as near Spartak. Actually, all "internal" roadblocks in these districts were removed, personnel was removed to the "frontline," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_strengthen_positions_in_donetsk_327188

Militants move to forward line near Mariupol, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Striking forces of terrorists move to advanced positions near Mariupol.

"Near Mariupol, advance movement of the enemy attack groups is observed, totaling up to two squadrons (advanced guard)," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_move_to_forward_line_near_mariupol_327189

Terrorists deploy group of armored vehicles near Triokhizbenka, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Militants concentrate a task group with armored vehicles near Triokhizbenka, Luhansk region.

"Near the settlement of Triokhizbenka, the enemy reinforced task group is concentrated, which includes 16 armored vehicles. The artillery group for support is deployed to the south (up to six artillery units)," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_deploy_group_of_armored_vehicles_near_triokhizbenka_327193

"LPR border guards" will work for food, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. Militants of the "LPR" set up "border guard" and "police" units and issue them their wages by food.

"OSCE mission representatives in Luhansk fixed a fact of recruitment of persons by the terrorist organization "LPR" for setting up the so-called police units. According to the OSCE, in the terrorist "LPR," the wages are issued to local "police" and "border guards" by food," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lpr_border_guardes_will_work_for_food_327202

Ukraine loses one more soldier, 14.11.2014

KYIV, November 14 /Ukrinform/. "Over the past 24 hours we have lost one of our guys, and another six have been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_one_more_soldier_327199

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_military_wounded_in_ato_area_no_casualties_327192

LPR threatens to strip Ukrainians of citizenship, 14.11.2014

Militants of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, Russian-backed armed gangs who have seized control of part of Ukraine's Luhansk region, have threatened to strip Ukrainians there of their citizenship, according to a source within the seized territories.

The source, a relative of a journalist in Luhansk, told UNIAN by phone that residents of areas not under the control of the Ukrainian government who had not registered as displaced persons would be deprived of their Ukrainian citizenship.

The source said this information had been broadcast on a local television channel.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1009271-lpr-threatens-to-strip-ukrainians-of-citizenship.html>

Police patrol gets into ambush near Makarove, casualties reported, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. The Interior Ministry mobile patrol unit got into an ambush near Makarove - three law enforcers were killed.

"The Interior Ministry mobile patrol unit got into an ambush near the settlement of Makarove. During a ferocious attack with using grenades, three police officers were killed and five wounded," the ATO press center informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/police_patrol_gets_into_ambush_near_makarove_casualties_reported_327213

Assault on Donetsk airport: 23 militants killed, Motorola wounded, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists lost 23 persons during an assault on the Donetsk airport.

"Terrorists shelled positions of the Donetsk airport defenders twice with mortars, grenade launchers and small arms. For destroying militants' fire points that held fire on our positions, the ATO artillery was used. Our artillery inflicted a blow on the grouping Sparta in the area of Putylivska junction. According to confirmed information, 23 bandits were destroyed, another 27 were wounded, among the wounded - leader of the militants Motorola. His car was destroyed," the ATO press center informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/assault_on_donetsk_airport_23_militants_killed_motorola_wounded_327218

Ukrainian 'cyborgs' kill over 20 terrorists over past 24 hours, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Over 20 terrorists have been killed over the past 24 hours due to the precise actions of artillery of the anti-terrorist operation forces near the Donetsk airport.

"Yesterday, in the airport area, artillery of the anti-terrorist operation forces eliminated a gang of fighters. According to our data, more than 20 terrorists were killed and 30 were wounded," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_cyborgs_kill_over_20_terrorists_over_past_24_hours_327230

Six soldiers killed over last day, 17.11.2014

KYIV, November 17 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, six Ukrainian military were killed in the east of Ukraine.

"In the fighting in the east of the country over a previous day, six Ukrainian patriots were killed, nine received injures of various degrees of severity. Doctors are working with the injured, their lives are not threatened," the ATO press center informed.

They added that over the previous day, terrorists shelled Ukrainian positions 39 times, committed two assaults and stages one ambush.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_soldiers_killed_over_last_day_327212

Militants 'get equipment to print fake hryvnias' in Donbas, 18.11.2014

Russian-backed militants have obtained equipment to print fake hryvnia banknotes in the areas of Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions they have seized control of, a Ukrainian official said.

"We have reports of printing presses being imported to print fake hryvnia," Ukrainian Interior Ministry advisor Anton Heraschenko said on the First National television channel, according to Espresso.TV.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1010639-militants-get-equipment-to-print-fake-hryvnias-in-donbas.html>

Militants shell Ukrainian positions over 30 times in past 24 hours, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist forces have shelled the positions of Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces over 30 times in the past 24 hours.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page. "Over the past 24 hours the greatest activity of militants was reported in the Debaltseve and Luhansk directions - nine and seven shelling incidents respectively. Four attacks on the Donetsk airport were recorded. The positions of the anti-terrorist operation forces near Avdiyivka were shelled three times, and two shelling incidents were recorded near Triokhizbenka, Sokolnyky, Debaltseve and Orlovske each," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_over_30_times_in_past_24_hours_327236

Luhansk militant attacks leave more than 10 towns without gas, electricity and water, 18.11.2014

Continued fighting in Ukraine's Luhansk region has left more than ten towns in the region without gas, water and electricity supplies, the region's governor, Hennadiy Moskal, said on Tuesday.

Moskal said the Russian-backed militants who control part of Luhansk region had fired on government-held areas 32 times on Monday, using Grad rockets, artillery and mortars. He said the villages of Stanytsa Luhanska, Krymske, Shastye, Trekhizbenka and Troyske had been attacked by the militants.

"In Trekhizbenka an artillery shell fired by the militants exploded in a private courtyard and severely wounded a 43-year-old woman, severing her leg, while other injured people were hospitalized," Moskal said.

In a number of settlements supplies of water, gas and electricity have been cut off due to damage from the fighting. In Shastye, a barrage of Grad rockets fired by the militants broke a gas pipeline, leaving the village, and several others in militant-controlled territory, without gas. After a few hours repair crews were able to repair the damage and restore the gas supply.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1010576-luhansk-militant-attacks-leave-more-than-10-towns-without-gas-electricity-and-water.html>

Five Ukrainian soldiers killed, eight wounded in last day, 18.11.2014

Five Ukrainian soldiers have been killed, and eight wounded in fighting in eastern Ukraine in the last day, ATO headquarters spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov wrote on Facebook on Tuesday.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1010591-five-ukrainian-soldiers-killed-eight-wounded-in-last-day.html>

Ukraine loses six more soldiers over past 24 hours, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. "Over the past 24 hours we have lost six Ukrainian servicemen, and nine more have been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_six_more_soldiers_over_past_24_hours_327245

Last night tense at Donetsk airport, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. The battle for the Donetsk airport, which is defended by Ukrainian soldiers, continued last night, the ATO press center has reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/last_night_tense_at_donetsk_airport_327256

Two Ukrainian servicemen killed in Donbas, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 13 more have been injured in battles with terrorists over the past 24 hours, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

"Ukraine has lost two soldiers in battles with terrorists over the past 24 hours, and 13 more have sustained various injuries," reads the report.

The press center added that all the wounded had been taken to hospital. There is everything needed for their recovery, it said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_in_donbas_327254

Terrorists change tactics - NSDC, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. "The enemy changed tactics and less actively resorts to open attacks on the positions of Ukrainian servicemen, because all these attacks are repelled by the anti-terrorist operation forces, and the enemy loses armored vehicles and manpower," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_change_tactics_nsd_327269

Russia moves military aircraft close to border with Ukraine, 19.11.2014

KYIV, November 19 /Ukrinform/. "An aviation unit that was stationed in Perm has been redeployed to the airfield at Millerovo, Rostov region. Radars and MiG-31s that can control airspace over the whole of Luhansk region have been moved to the border with Ukraine," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

He added that NATO had also confirmed the concentration of Russian troops. "We're talking about troops, equipment, artillery, and advanced air defense systems. This is a serious military buildup," he quoted NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_moves_military_aircraft_close_to_border_with_ukraine_327271

Militants shell Ukrainian positions over 60 times in past 24 hours, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Militants have violated the terms of the ceasefire over 60 times in the past 24 hours by shelling Ukrainian positions with artillery systems, mortars, BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers and small arms, the anti-terrorist operation's press center reported.

"Bandits fired on our units in Luhansk region near a thermal power plant in Shchastia, as well as in Stanytsia Luhanska, Triokhizbenka, Krymske, and Vilkhove," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_over_60_times_in_past_24_hours_327278

Russia openly supplies military cargo and manpower to terrorists - NSDC, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Russia has started openly supplying military cargo and manpower to terrorists operating in eastern Ukraine.

"We recorded the open transportation by the Russian side of military cargo from the Russian territory to the Ukrainian territory controlled by militants, both by road and by rail," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_openly_supplies_military_cargo_and_manpower_to_terrorists_nsd_327290

UN confirms presence of Russian troops in eastern Ukraine, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. Foreign fighters and Russian servicemen operating in the east of Ukraine affect the human rights situation in the region, which continues to deteriorate.

This is stated in a report by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which was published on Thursday, the organization's press service reported.

"The continuing presence of a large amount of sophisticated weaponry, as well as foreign fighters that include servicemen from the Russian Federation, directly affects the human rights situation in the east of Ukraine," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_confirms_presence_of_russian_troops_in_eastern_ukraine_327294

UN: 957 people killed during 'ceasefire' in east Ukraine, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. As many as 957 people, including 838 men and 119 women, have been killed in eastern Ukraine during the ceasefire that began on September 6 as of November 18.

"Since the ceasefire began, from September 6 up to November 18, 957 fatalities were recorded - 838 men and 119 women, although some may have been killed prior to the ceasefire, with the data only recorded later," reads the report of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which was published on Thursday.

From mid-April to 18 November, at least 4,317 people were killed and 9,921 wounded in the conflict-affected area of eastern Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_957_people_killed_during_ceasefire_in_east_ukraine_327289

OSCE again extends observer mission on Ukrainian-Russian border, 20.11.2014

KYIV, November 20 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Permanent Council has decided to extend the mandate of the observer mission on the Ukrainian-Russian border until December 23, 2014, according to a report posted on the website of the organization.

"The mandate of the OSCE Observer Mission at the Russian checkpoints Gukovo and Donetsk has been extended by one month to December 23, 2014, following a consensus decision taken by all 57 OSCE participating states today," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_again_extends_observer_mission_on_ukrainian_russian_border_327298

Two civilians, one serviceman killed in Donbas over past 24 hours, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have killed two civilians and one Ukrainian serviceman in Donbas over the past 24 hours, the ATO press center has reported.

"Eighteen of our soldiers have been wounded and one soldier has been killed over the past 24 hours," reads the report.

In general, militants shelled Ukrainian position 39 times. "Last night was the tensest in the Donetsk, Luhansk and Debaltseve directions," the press center said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_civilians_one_serviceman_killed_in_donbas_over_past_24_hours_327305

Column of tanks enters Ukraine last night - Tymchuk, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Tanks again entered Ukraine from Russia last night.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

"Tonight a column of three tanks entered Ukraine from the direction of Gukovo (Russia), whereas five disabled armored vehicles were taken in the opposite direction," he wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column_of_tanks_enters_ukraine_last_night_tymchuk_327312

Russia's Igor Strelkov: I Am Responsible for War in Eastern Ukraine, 21.11.2014

Russian national Igor Strelkov, a former commander of pro-Moscow separatists in eastern Ukraine, has claimed personal responsibility for unleashing the conflict in which 4,300 people have been killed since April.

"I was the one who pulled the firing trigger of this war... " If our unit hadn't crossed the border, in the end everything would have fizzled out, like in Kharkiv, like in Odessa. There would have been several dozen killed, burned, detained. Girkin was quoted as saying: "Initially I assumed that the Crimea scenario would be repeated: Russia would enter... Nobody intended to fight for the Luhansk and Donetsk republics". At the start of this summer, 90% of rebel forces were made up of local residents, Strelkov said. However, by early August, Russian servicemen supposedly on "vacation" from the army had begun to arrive. The assault on the Black Sea town of Mariupol was conducted mostly by the Russian military "vacationers." Strelkov said that when he understood "that Russia was not going to take us in — I associated myself with the resistance — for us that decision was a shock." While Moscow has repeatedly denied supplying the rebels with weaponry and manpower, Strelkov said the assistance offered to rebels remained significant.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/article/511584.html>

Donbas again shelled from Russia, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's State Border Service has recorded the shelling of Ukrainian territory from the RF side for the first time since the signing of the Minsk agreements.

"Artillery fire from Russian territory was recorded from the direction of the settlement of Manotsky (Russia) in the direction of the settlement of Komyshne (Ukraine), near a border post of the Luhansk detachment," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donbas_again_shelled_from_russia_327316

'Cyborgs' successfully repel all attacks, 21.11.2014

KYIV, November 21 /Ukrinform/. Militants have fired on the positions of the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces in the Donetsk direction with mortars, tanks and small arms three times over the past 24 hours and again tried to storm the positions of Ukrainian soldiers at the Donetsk airport.

"All attacks by militants have been successfully repulsed. Terrorists have suffered losses," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cyborgs_successfully_repel_all_attacks_327325

Militants shell Ukrainian positions 56 times in past 24 hours, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. "The positions of our troops were shelled by militants with artillery and mortars 40 times, with small arms five times, one time using tank weapons and nine times using multiple rocket launchers," reads the statement of the ATO press center.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_56_times_in_past_24_hours_327328

Russia pulls its soldiers to Debaltseve, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. A further increase in the number of Russian-terrorist forces is reported Debaltseve area, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has said.

"After unsuccessful attempts by the enemy to move to the outskirts of Debaltseve from the direction of Nikishyne and Chornukhyne three tactical groups of local militants pulled Russian servicemen to the 'first line.' In particular, at least one enhanced company tactical group of Russian troops was sighted, with up to 15 armored vehicles and two artillery units supporting them. About ten mortar positions of militants were spotted," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulls_its_soldiers_to_debaltseve_327329

OSCE reports mortar attack on Stanytsia Luhanska, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (OSCE SMM) to Ukraine has recorded a mortar attack near Stanytsia Luhanska on November 21.

This is stated in a report of the mission for November 23.

"Whilst stationary in the proximity of Mykhailivka (45km east of Luhansk) the SMM heard continuous mortar shelling, concentrated in an area in the direction of Stanytsia Luhanska (20km north of Luhansk... The SMM could not determine whether they were outgoing or impacting shells," reads the document.

It notes that on November 21 in Luhansk the SMM met the director of the department of the State Penitentiary Service of Luhansk region.

"The interlocutor stated that he will try to evacuate all prisoners (approximately 7,000) and correctional service staff (around 2,000 including 1,000 small arms) to government-controlled territory by December 1, 2014. The State Penitentiary Service representatives brought up that the main reasons for relocation are humanitarian: problems with electricity and heating, increasing difficulties of food supply as well as shelling in the vicinity of some correctional facilities," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_reports_mortar_attack_on_stanytsia_luhanska_327330

Terrorists retreat from Donetsk and Avdiyivka due to losses, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. Near Donetsk and Avdiyivka, after sustaining losses, the main forces of Russian-terrorist troops have retreated from the contact line with Ukrainian troops, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has said.

"The artillery firing positions of the enemy were spotted in the area of Spartak, Putylivsky bridge, Yakovlivka, as well as in the Kyivsky and Kuibyshevsky districts of Donetsk," he wrote on FB.

"Russian-terrorist forces are building up their presence in the area of Dokuchayevsk, Novotroitske and Olhynka. In particular, they are being staffed with separate groups and units," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_retreat_from_donetsk_and_avdiyivka_due_to_losses_327331

NSDC shows how Russian 'aid convoy' brings artillery guns to Donetsk (video) , 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. A camera in Donetsk has filmed a white KamAZ truck from the so-called "humanitarian aid convoy" from Russia moving in the city, accompanied by two trucks towing artillery guns.

National Security and Defense Council NSDC information and analytical center deputy spokesman Volodymyr Polevy showed the video at a briefing in Kyiv on Sunday.

"It's obvious that the humanitarian convoy truck that goes first does not carry chocolate," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_shows_how_russian_aid_convoy_brings_artillery_guns_to_donetsk_video_327333

Three Ukrainian servicemen killed, 24 injured over past 24 hours, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. "Over the past 24 hours three Ukrainian military have been killed, 24 have been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_24_injured_over_past_24_hours_327341

Terrorists trying to seize new territories, 24.11.2014

KYIV, November 24 /Ukrinform/. "The intensity of shelling incidents in the anti-terrorist operation zone has not decreased. Militants leave no attempt to expand the area under their control and attack and shell the positions of the anti-terrorist operation forces in the Donetsk, Debaltseve, Luhansk, Mariupol directions and in the area of the Bakhmutka highway," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_trying_to_seize_new_territories_327345

Terrorists shell Ukrainian positions 36 times in past 24 hours, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Militants operating in Donbas have shelled Ukrainian positions 36 times over the past 24 hours, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported. "There were thirty-six cases when militants opened fire. The shelling was carried out with the use of artillery guns, mortars, and Grad multiple rocket launchers," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_ukrainian_positions_36_times_in_past_24_hours_327352

Militants again tried to seize Donetsk airport - ATO press center, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have made another attempt to seize the Donetsk airport, however, all their attacks have been repelled, the ATO press center reported.

"Bandits from the self-proclaimed republics once again tried to shake with artillery fire the defense of our troops in the area of the Donetsk airport. Their attempts were unsuccessful. All attacks were repulsed. The enemy retreated. An active defense continues," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_again_tried_to_seize_donetsk_airport_ato_press_center_327355

Militants in Luhansk region attack civilian areas 19 times in last day, 25.11.2014

Russian-backed militants have attacked civilian areas in the Donbas conflict zone 19 times over the past 24 hours, the press center of the government's Anti-Terrorist Operation said in a posting on its Facebook page on Tuesday.

"In Luhansk alone, gunmen opened fire 19 times on civilian settlements. The number of casualties as a result of these criminal acts is to be confirmed," the press center said.

"Ukrainian artillery opened fire in response, not only to protect their own positions, but also to protect the civilian population. During the day the artillery forces of ATO carried out 30 artillery strikes on places where the fighters and equipment of the militants had been built up."

The situation in the zone remains under control, with the areas around the militant-held cities of Luhansk and Donetsk posing the biggest threats to Ukraine's armed forces.

"There have been [a total of] 36 attacks recorded, with [the militants using] small arms, mortars, and Grad rockets," the press center wrote.

<http://www.unian.info/society/1013460-militants-in-luhansk-region-attack-civilian-areas-19-times-in-last-day.html>

Two killed, eight injured after shell hits bus in Donetsk, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Last night in Donetsk was very tense, the press service of the Donetsk City Council has reported. Significant damage was done to residential buildings, infrastructure and communications.

"The situation in the city was not calm early on November 25. A shell hit shuttle bus No. 6a. As per preliminary reports, two people were killed, and eight were wounded," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_killed_eight_injured_after_shell_hits_bus_in_donetsk_327356

Up to 30,000 Russian soldiers and terrorists fighting in Donbas, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. About 15,000-20,000 armed militants from Donbas and from Russia, as well as about 5,000-10,000 servicemen of the Russian Armed Forces, are fighting against the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces in eastern Ukraine.

"I count that these are 15,000-20,000 armed militants and 5,000-10,000 Russian soldiers who are on a part of Ukrainian territory currently controlled by bandit groups," the ATO spokesman Vladyslav Selezniiov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/up_to_30000_russian_soldiers_and_terrorists_fighting_in_donbas_327357

One Ukrainian soldier killed in Donbas conflict zone over past 24 hours, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. "Over the past 24 hours, we have lost one of our warriors, and five more have been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_ukrainian_soldier_killed_in_donbas_conflict_zone_over_past_24_hours_327360

Militants shell Makiyivka, civilians injured, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. A cannonade could be heard in Makiyivka in Donetsk region last night. Two residents of the town sustained fragmentation wounds, the press service of the local administration has reported.

"Residential houses, a high-voltage power line and transformer substations were damaged as a result of artillery shelling," reads the statement.

The village of Obiednane, the Hirnytsky district of Makiyivka and the Chervona Zirka housing estate were hardest affected by the shelling. The victims were taken to the town hospital.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_makiyivka_civilians_injured_327361

Russia moves five more columns with mercenaries and ammunition to Donbas, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist troops are rotating manpower, Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) has reported.

"Over the past 24 hours five columns of about 80 vehicles have been spotted moving through the Izvaryne checkpoint in the direction of the city of Luhansk. Moreover, most of these vehicles are cars and buses with personnel and ammunition," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_moves_five_more_columns_with_mercenaries_and_ammunition_to_donbas_327362

Donbas conflict zone closed to passenger trains, 25.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrzaliznytsia plans to suspend passenger transportation in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in Luhansk and Donetsk regions.

"We will stop the movement of passenger trains in the area of the anti-terrorist operation. That is, we will transport people to the so-called border. When exactly this happens depends on the [Infrastructure] Ministry. A presidential decree [No. 875/2014 on the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of November 4, 2014 on urgent measures to stabilize the socio-economic situation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions] stipulates that the concerned ministry exercises control and makes the final decision," Head of the Legal Department at Ukrzaliznytsia Oleh Tytov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donbas_conflict_zone_closed_to_passenger_trains_327363

Militants shell Ukrainian positions in three strategic directions 47 times, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. Militants have shelled the positions of the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces 47 times over the past 24 hours, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

Illegal armed groups were active in three strategic directions: Luhansk, Donetsk, Debaltseve. According to the press center, militants used various types of artillery guns, mortars, rocket systems, and tanks.

"Militants shelled Stanytsia Luhanska, Artema, Vilkhove, Krymske, Shchastia, Triokhizbenka, Sokolnyky and Verkhnia Olkhova in Luhansk region, Maloorlivka, Pisky, Donetsk, Olenivka, Novokalynove, Tonenke, Opytne and Verkhniotoretske in Donetsk region, and Debaltseve, Nikishyne, Shumy, Poltavske, Kalynivka, Troitske and Mius in the Debaltseve direction," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_positions_in_three_strategic_directions_47_times_327370

Ukraine loses two more soldiers in Donbas conflict zone, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and two more have been wounded in the area of the anti-terrorist operation over the past 24 hours.

"Over the past 24 hours we have lost two Ukrainian servicemen, and two more have been wounded," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_two_more_soldiers_in_donbas_conflict_zone_327383

Activity of militants in southern Ukraine declines, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. A decline in the activity of pro-Russian militants has been recorded in the southern direction, because they are quickly eliminated by Ukrainian security forces.

As to the southern direction, that is Mariupol, there is a decrease in the activity of militants there, so we don't have yet to speak of preparations for an intensive attack or some provocation," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/activity_of_militants_in_southern_ukraine_declines_327388

Russia sends new units and tanks to Luhansk region, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. The command of the Russian-terrorist forces continues to strengthen its formations in Luhansk region by supplying their units with manpower, weapons and military equipment.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page.

"The command of the Russian-terrorist forces continues to strengthen its formations in the north and northwest of Luhansk region (Pervomaisk, the area of Triokhizbenka-Slovianoserbsk, as well as the area of Shchastia-Stanytsia Luhanska) by supplying their units with manpower, weapons and military equipment. Two new tactical groups and an artillery group of Russian troops were recorded in this area," he wrote.

This information is confirmed by NSDC.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_sends_new_units_and_tanks_to_luhansk_region_327373

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_brings_two_more_military_columns_to_ukraine_327386

Russian special services planned to hijack military aircraft in Mykolaiv - SBU, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 26 /Ukrinform/. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has detained a resident of Mykolaiv recruited by the Russian special services who had to get into contact with a military pilot and persuade him into hijacking a plane from the Kulbakyne airport.

"The Russian special forces tasked him with establishing contact with Ukrainian Air Force servicemen from the Kulbakyne airport in Mykolaiv. First of all, we are talking about military pilots involved in the anti-terrorist operation. And he had to persuade them to commit a crime by promising a reward of \$300,000, housing and Russian citizenship," SBU spokesperson Olena Hitlianska said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_special_services_planned_to_hijack_military_aircraft_in_mykolaiv_sbu_327391

Terrorists kill two civilians, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Two civilians have been killed and eight more have been wounded over the past 24 hours as a result of terrorist shelling in Donbas, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

"Over the past 24 hours the anti-terrorist operation headquarters has received reports of two deceased and eight wounded civilians. Bandits fired artillery shells from the direction of the town of Pervomaisk (controlled by the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic) in the direction of the town of Popasna. The shells damaged a dormitory and 15 houses. Two people were injured. The victims were given medical care. One more person was wounded in the village of Opytne as a result of shelling from the side of the territory controlled by militants," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_kill_two_civilians_327393

Situation in Donbas conflict zone tense - 50 attacks over past 24 hours, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists have violated the terms of the ceasefire in the Donbas conflict zone 50 times over the past 24 hours, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

"Over the past 24 hours the situation in the area of the anti-terrorist operation has remained tense. Militants and Russian mercenaries do not leave attempts to attack our positions. In particular, 50 violations by terrorists of the terms of the ceasefire have been recorded in the past 24 hours," the anti-terrorist operation headquarters reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_in_donbas_conflict_zone_tense_50_attacks_over_past_24_hours_327395

OSCE monitors come under fire in Donbas, U.S. points to militants, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. Washington has condemned an attack by pro-Russian separatists on members of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in Donbas.

A respective statement was released by the U.S. Department of State on Wednesday evening.

"The United States condemns the reported attack on an OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) team traveling between Kirove and Shumy in eastern Ukraine on November 26. The SMM reported that a rocket-propelled grenade and multiple rounds of 23mm anti-aircraft ammunition were fired from a location to the southeast toward the OSCE team. These shots appear to have been fired from separatist-controlled territory," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_monitors_come_under_fire_in_donbas_us_points_to_militants_327396

Ukrainian anti-aircraft gunners shoot down Russian drone in Donbas conflict zone, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian anti-aircraft gunners have shot down a Russian-made drone that attempted to fly over the positions of the anti-terrorist operation forces, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation has reported.

"Accurate shooting was demonstrated by the anti-aircraft gunners of the anti-terrorist operation forces. In one sector of responsibility of the anti-terrorist operation forces, Ukrainian soldiers, with a skilled shot from a ZU-23-2, 'deprived of sight' the aerial reconnaissance of terrorists, presumably produced in Russia," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_anti_aircraft_gunners_shoot_down_russian_drone_in_donbas_conflict_zone_327415

Ukraine not controlling over 409 kilometers of border with Russia, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is not controlling a 409.3-kilometer-long section of the state border with Russia, which passes through the territories temporarily controlled by bandit groups.

"We currently do not control 409.3 kilometers of the section of the Ukrainian-Russian border, which passes fully in Donetsk region and partly in Luhansk region," Chairman of the State Border Service of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Viktor Nazarenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_not_controlling_over_409_kilometers_of_border_with_russia_327428

Another 11 Russian tanks 'get lost' in Ukraine, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. Another convoy of tanks, KamAZ trucks and Tigr vehicles has entered Ukraine from Russia.

"A military convoy of 11 tanks, two Tigr vehicles and four KamAZ trucks, as well as eight artillery tractors for transportation, was moving yesterday at 06.00 from Russia towards Komsomolsk in Donetsk region," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_11_russian_tanks_get_lost_in_ukraine_327430

Pilot Savchenko

Savchenko gets people's deputy certificate, 26.11.2014

KYIV, November 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, who is illegally held in Russia, has received the certificate of a people's deputy of Ukraine.

Her Russian lawyer, Mark Feygin, has posted a photocopy of the certificate on his Twitter page.

"Congratulations to Nadia Viktorivna!" Feygin wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/savchenko_gets_peoples_deputy_certificate_327369

National Minorities

Truskavets hotel refuses to host Russian citizens, 10.11.2014

KYIV, November 10 /Ukrinform/. The Truskavets hotel "Club pH" refused to accommodate Russian citizens, reported by the newspaper Truskavetska Gazette.

"The "Club pH" does not host citizens from the neighbor aggressor country. There is a sign at its door with the inscription: "Occupiers not accommodated." The owner of the recreational facility, who is active participant in the Euromaidan, member of the commission to investigate into the events of December 1, 2013, Serhiy Rozora initiated such a protest. He noted that already had a few unpleasant conversations with former clients from Russia, who support occupation of Ukraine," the newspaper said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/truskavets_hotel_refuses_to_host_russian_citizens_327080

Ukraine Worldwide

Putin's sixth "humanitarian convoy" arrives in Donbas, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 4 /Ukrinform/. A column of the so-called Russian "humanitarian convoy" delivered the next batch of humanitarian aid to Donetsk and Luhansk, TASS informs.

"Ten automobiles have successfully arrived in Donetsk. They brought more than 50 tonnes of medicaments and fuel. The same humanitarian aid was also delivered to Luhansk. 10 automobiles arrived in Luhansk, they delivered over 50 tonnes of cargo - medicaments and fuel, unloading of the column will begin now," a statement reads.

NSDC confirms delivery of next "humanitarian convoy"

"Today, from 7:25 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., the Russian side, having violated international and interstate agreements and having not informed Ukraine, has removed to the territory of Ukraine 10 automobiles of the next so-called humanitarian convoy at the checkpoint Donetsk (Russian Federation)," NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putins_sixth_humanitarian_convoy_arrives_in_donbas_326975

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_confirms_delivery_of_next_humanitarian_convoy_326984

Estonia ratifies Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, 04.11.2014

KYIV, November 5 /Ukrinform/. The Estonian parliament ratified the Association Agreement of Ukraine with the EU on November 4.

"Estonia ratified the Association Agreement / Thank you, Estonia, for ratifying Ukraine-EU Association Agreement," Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin wrote on Twitter. Earlier, the Agreement was ratified by Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Malta.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/estonia_ratifies_ukraine_eu_association_agreement_326995

Russia violates human rights in Crimea - Human Rights Watch, 18.11.2014

KYIV, November 18 /Ukrinform/. Russian and Crimean authorities have significantly restricted human rights guarantees in Crimea since the peninsula was illegally annexed by Russia. This is stated in a report by the Human Rights Watch international human rights organization, Deutsche Welle reported.

"Those who oppose Russia's position in the Ukrainian conflict are intimidated and harassed in Crimea, human rights activists say, noting that this concerns, in particular, the Crimean Tatars, activists and journalists," reads the report.

According to the document, Russia violated a number of obligations under international humanitarian law, in particular, in the area of ensuring the rights of civilians.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_violates_human_rights_in_crimea_human_rights_watch_327243

Hungary ratifies Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, 27.11.2014

Hungary's parliament has ratified the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said.

"The Parliament of Hungary, or the Diet of Hungary, has ratified the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU," he wrote in a post on Twitter on Wednesday.

As UNIAN reported earlier, Ukraine and the EU signed the political part of the Association Agreement on March 21 and postponed the signing of its economic part, which foresees the establishment of a free trade zone, ahead of the presidential elections in Ukraine.

After the elections on May 25, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko signed the full version of the Association Agreement with the European Union on June 27.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1014509-hungary-ratifies-ukraine-eu-association-agreement.html>

Sweden ratifies Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, 27.11.2014

The Parliament of Sweden has ratified the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, the press service of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Twitter on Wednesday.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1014519-sweden-ratifies-ukraine-eu-association-agreement.html>

EU includes 13 separatists and 5 companies in sanctions list, 27.11.2014

KYIV, November 27 /Ukrinform/. The EU's sanctions list has been expanded with 13 separatists operating in eastern Ukraine and five companies.

A senior European diplomat told this to a Ukrinform correspondent in Brussels on Thursday after a meeting of ambassadors of the EU member states.

EU ambassadors approved additional sanctions against separatists operating in eastern Ukraine, the diplomat said. Visa bans and asset freezes were applied to 13 persons, and the assets of five companies were also frozen, he said. This was done due to their involvement in acts undermining the territorial integrity of Ukraine, he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_includes_13_separatists_and_5_companies_in_sanctions_list_327414

Poland ratifies Association Agreement between Ukraine and EU, 28.11.2014

KYIV, November 28 /Ukrinform/. The Sejm of Poland on Friday ratified Ukraine's Association Agreement with the EU, Ukrinform's correspondent in Poland has reported.

"As many as 427 deputies voted for the adoption of the document, one voted against it, and no one abstained," Marshal of the Sejm Radoslaw Sikorski said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poland_ratifies_association_agreement_between_ukraine_and_eu_327418