



## Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine October 2014

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### Introduction

October 2014 will be remembered due to constant ceasefire violations in eastern Ukraine, new victims among the military and civilians, humanitarian convoys of the Russian Federation and the early parliamentary elections, which took place on October 26th.

More than two thousand official observers from foreign states and international organizations supervised the election process. .

The voter turnout was 52.9%.

According to the results of elections to the Verkhovna Rada were elected 7 political forces - the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, the People's Front, Samopomich Union, the Opposition Bloc, Oleh Liashko's Radical Party, and Batkivshchyna All-Ukrainian Union.

The most radical political forces – “Svoboda” and "Right sector" - did not overcome the 5% electoral threshold.

## Prognosis

### **'Novorossiia' to be a threat to Putin himself - Financial Times, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. A New Russia, or "Novorossiia," which was devised by the entourage of Russian President Vladimir Putin, will soon turn into a problem for Putin himself, as the Kremlin will sooner or later lose control over separatists, who it feeds with myths and unfulfilled promises, Britain's Financial Times newspaper has reported, according to a Ukrinform correspondent.

"He [Putin] thinks he can do what other Russian leaders have done before - subdue his subjects by putting Russia in a state of permanent confrontation with the outside world. But the propaganda that plays endlessly on Russian television channels will not mesmerize them for long. Russian society will only accept short and victorious war. It is not prepared for bloodshed," the newspaper wrote.

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### **Capture of Donetsk airport or Mariupol to trigger new sanctions - Bloomberg, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. The European Union may impose additional sanctions on Russia if pro-Russian fighters capture the Donetsk airport or the city of Mariupol, Bloomberg has reported, citing its own sources.

"If the separatists took the Donetsk airport or the city of Mariupol in an effort to create a land corridor, the EU might impose additional sanctions... The outcome is impossible to predict and could go either way," reads the statement.

The report also states that the EU is far from considering an easing of the sanctions imposed on Russia for its encroachment on Ukraine.

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### **Ukrainian economy to contract by 8% - World Bank, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian economy will contract by 8% this year because of the war in Donbas, the World Bank said on Thursday, according to AFP.

Thus, an earlier forecast is downgraded and further shrinkage in 2015 is forecast.

"Disruption in economic activity in the east has resulted in a sharper GDP decline than we expected," said Qimiao Fan, the bank's director for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova who presented the latest report in Kyiv.

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### **IMF forecasts reduction of Ukraine's GDP to minus 6.5%, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. The International Monetary Fund forecasts reduction of Ukraine's GDP to minus 6.5% in 2014.

This is said in the IMF World Economic Outlook, made public by the Fund on Tuesday, a special correspondent of Ukrinform reports.

According to forecasts for 2015, it is expected that Ukraine's GDP will demonstrate a positive dynamics at the level of 1%.

At the same time, the IMF experts forecast growth of consumer prices in the country by 11.4% in 2014 to 14% in 2015. The balance of payments index of Ukraine will remain at the level of minus 2.5% for this and next year.

In addition, the unemployment level in Ukraine in 2014 is expected at the level of 10%, however, in 2015 it will drop to 9.8%.

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### **Washington Post: Putin may achieve major objectives in Ukraine, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. U.S. newspaper Washington Post reported on Tuesday that Russia should ensure the complete withdrawal of Russian troops and military equipment from Ukraine.

According to Deutsche Welle, the report says that only the withdrawal of troops could be a prerequisite for any weakening of European and U.S. sanctions against Russia. Washington Post also sees the need to seal the border between the countries, with monitoring by international observers.

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### **Ukraine may default next year - Moody's, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine is likely to default on its debts next year when it breaches the conditions of a controversial \$3 billion bond held by Russia, allowing Moscow to demand immediate repayment and possibly triggering a wider default on all the country's international debts, Moody's has warned, Voice of America has reported, citing Financial Times.

The rating agency notes that Ukraine's deep 7.5% economic contraction and wilting currency is likely to push its debt-to-GDP ratio up to 66% this year - above the maximum 60% ratio stipulated in the clauses of the Russian Eurobond that the last Kyiv government sold to Moscow before the revolution.

"When Ukraine's debt-to-GDP ratio official breaches that level - possibly as early as January 29, when it is slated to release provisional fourth-quarter economic data - Moscow can ask for an immediate payment acceleration," the report says.

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### **Ukraine needs reforms to avoid default - The Economist, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. International experts believe that Ukraine, burdened by debt and lack of reform, may default in the near future, The Economist has reported.

According to the report, the Ukrainian government must pay external creditors \$9 billion by the end of next year, plus an additional \$5 billion in 2016 and \$8 billion in 2017. At the same time, the country's foreign-exchange reserves are drying up fast, having fallen from \$37 billion in 2011 to \$16 billion now.

According to the report, the good news is that Ukraine still has time to pull off an orderly restructuring. According to experts, with no oil to pump or other treasures to sell, it is hard to see how Ukraine's shrinking economy can service its current debts, let alone the new ones the IMF is providing. The longer it delays, the greater the pain will be when its credit finally does run out.

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### **S&P upgrades Kyiv's ratings, 15.10.2014**

KYIV, October 15 /Ukrinform/. Standard & Poor's rating agency has raised its long-term issuer credit rating on the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv and its issue ratings on Kyiv's debt to 'CCC' from 'CC,' the agency's press service has reported.

"The city of Kyiv repaid its Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH) 1.125 billion domestic bond series B on October 8, 2014, instead of restructuring it as previously announced. We think Kyiv's course of action is coordinated with and supported by the central government of Ukraine.... For this reason, we are raising our rating on Kyiv to 'CCC' from 'CC' and removing it from CreditWatch negative," reads the report.

S&P believes that although Kyiv will face high debt service obligations in 2015-2016, including repayment of \$550 million in Eurobonds, it will similarly benefit from central government support.

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### **Recognition of terrorist elections to strengthen sanctions against Russia - media, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. The European Union may tighten sanctions against Russia if Russian authorities recognize the results of elections in Donbas that were scheduled by the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) for November 2. Kommersant reported this, citing a well-informed source in the EU structures.

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## Statements of officials

### **Kyiv, Brussels complete all formalities for launching Association Agreement from Nov 1 – Poroshenko, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine has received a note from the European Union in which the EU announced the completion of its internal procedures for the application of the Association Agreement, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has reported on Facebook.

"Thus, Kyiv and Brussels have completed all formalities for launching the agreement from November 1. Consequently, it is now part of Ukrainian legislation. Let's get to work!" he wrote.

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### **Russian troops still in Ukraine - NATO, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. There are still "hundreds" of Russian troops, including special forces, in Ukraine, NATO spokesman Jay Janzen has said, according to Deutsche Welle. He said that there had been a "significant" force withdrawal since Kyiv and pro-Russian rebels agreed a ceasefire.

"However, hundreds of Russian troops, including special forces, still remain inside Ukraine," Janzen said.

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### **Barroso to Putin: Russia cannot interfere with content of Association Agreement, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has told Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia cannot interfere with the process of amending the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

This is stated in Barroso's letter to Putin that was sent on Wednesday in response to Putin's letter of September 17, the European Commission told Ukrinform's correspondent in Brussels. "I take however this opportunity to underline that the Association Agreement remains a bilateral agreement and that, in line with international law, any adaptations to it can only be made at the request of one of the parties and with the agreement of the other, according to the mechanisms foreseen in the text and the respective internal procedures of the parties," reads the letter.

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### **Barroso urges Putin to resume gas supply to Ukraine, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. The European Union expects a mutually acceptable solution from Russia in the issue of gas supplies to Ukraine.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said this in a letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin, Radio Liberty reported.

"We also expect that rapid and decisive progress can be achieved in the trilateral gas talks towards a mutually acceptable interim solution for the upcoming winter period, on the basis of the compromise elements set out by the European Commission. It is key that the resumption of energy deliveries to the citizens of Ukraine is ensured and that the fulfillment of all contractual obligations with customers in the EU is secured," Barroso said.

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### **Russia trying to further destabilize Ukraine - new NATO secretary general, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to violate international law and destabilize the situation in Ukraine.

New NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said this at a press conference in Brussels on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Russia maintains its ability to destabilize Ukraine. And Russia remains in breach of international law," Stoltenberg said.

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### **Avakov releases data on those killed in ATO zone, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. A total of 134 soldiers of the National Guard and Interior Ministry battalions have been killed and 628 more have been injured during the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine.

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov reported this on FB, posting a respective document. According to the document, those killed include 68 Interior Ministry employees and 66 National Guard soldiers.

Five Interior Ministry employees and 155 National Guard soldiers are in captivity.

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### **Foreign Ministry condemns killing of Red Cross employee in Donetsk, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has expressed deep regret and condolences on the tragic death of an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a citizen of Switzerland, following the shelling by terrorists of the ICRC office in Donetsk on October 2. The ministry said this in a statement on Thursday.

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### **Putin granted Russian citizenship to Yanukovich, Azarov and Pshonka - Interior Ministry, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, former Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and former Prosecutor General Viktor Pshonka.

"I learned from operational sources that nationality to Ukraine's betrayers had been granted under a separate secret decree of Russian President Putin as a reward for their faithful service on the collapse of the national security, defense, law and order system and the economy," the Ukrainian interior minister's advisor, Anton Herashchenko wrote on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin\\_granted\\_russian\\_citizenship\\_to\\_yanukovich\\_azarov\\_and\\_pshonka\\_interior\\_ministry\\_326422](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_granted_russian_citizenship_to_yanukovich_azarov_and_pshonka_interior_ministry_326422)

### **Lukashenko ready to send his peacekeepers to Donbas, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has said in an interview with Euronews he is ready to send Belarusian peacekeepers to the east of Ukraine to separate the warring parties.

"If necessary. But for me this would be a very dangerous and terrible thing to put my own soldiers at risk: if the Russians mistrust the West, and the West Russia, if the United States and Russia mistrusted each other, and there is mistrust between the warring parties, I would have been putting my own armed forces in harm's way to separate the conflicting parties," Lukashenko said.

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### **White House condemns killing of Red Cross employee, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. The United States has condemned the murder of an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), who was killed after a shell hit the ICRC office in Donetsk on October 2.

The White House said this in a statement issued on Friday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"The United States condemns the killing of Laurent DuPasquier, an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) staff member, caused by shelling yesterday [on October 2] near the organization's premises in Donetsk, Ukraine. We extend our sympathies and condolences to Mr. DuPasquier's family, friends, and colleagues," reads the statement.

The White House urged all parties to the conflict to respect international humanitarian law and ensure that its protections are afforded to the ICRC and other humanitarian organizations, which are providing impartial and much-needed aid to civilians in Ukraine.

"We call on all parties to the conflict to protect the civilians in their midst and hold accountable those who engage in the indiscriminate use of force," the statement says.

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### **Ukraine has evidence ICRC staff member killed by separatists - Serheiyev, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. There is strong evidence that a shell that killed an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Donetsk was launched from the territory controlled by separatists, and Ukraine promises to conduct a full and open investigation. Ukraine's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Yuriy Serheiyev said this at a briefing in New York on Friday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"We have strong evidence that the shell came from separatists' side," he said, while commenting on the incident with the killing of an ICRC employee.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_has\\_evidence\\_icrc\\_staff\\_member\\_killed\\_by\\_separatists\\_serheiyev\\_326442](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_has_evidence_icrc_staff_member_killed_by_separatists_serheiyev_326442)

### **OSCE observers admit to carrying armed militants in their car, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMMU) has officially acknowledged that OSCE mission employees in Donetsk region were transporting pro-Russian terrorists in their car and confirmed that this fact is a breach of the organization's internal security regulations, according to a statement posted on the OSCE website.

Earlier media reports said that two militants had easily got into an OSCE car. This case was broadcasted by Russia's First Channel, TSN reported.

"The SMMU regrets the incident where two uniformed individuals boarded our vehicle. We have also undertaken all measures to prevent such a regrettable incident from occurring again," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_observers\\_admit\\_to\\_carrying\\_armed\\_militants\\_in\\_their\\_car\\_326450](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_observers_admit_to_carrying_armed_militants_in_their_car_326450)

### **NATO cannot ignore conflict in Ukraine - Prime Minister of Poland, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. Poland and NATO cannot ignore the Ukrainian-Russian conflict and must act quickly to ensure security in the region.

Polish Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz said at a joint press conference with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

"For my government, security issues are of paramount importance. Therefore, a conflict behind our eastern border leads to the fact that Poland, as well as NATO, should not have a casual attitude to the seriousness of the situation (in Ukraine - Ed.)," Kopacz said.

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### **Medvedev promises to look for compromise on gas with Ukraine, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Medvedev instructed Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak to continue negotiations with Ukraine and the EU on the gas problem.

"Undoubtedly, it is necessary to continue the search of compromises, it is necessary to continue contacts with understanding that it is necessary to repay the debts, but conditions for Ukraine in such a situation should be rather acceptable, toward this your meeting is now aimed with participation of the European Commission," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedev\\_promises\\_to\\_look\\_for\\_compromise\\_on\\_gas\\_with\\_ukraine\\_326470](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedev_promises_to_look_for_compromise_on_gas_with_ukraine_326470)

### **European politicians disappointed with Russia's actions, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. German Government's Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia Gernot Erler said that European politicians are disappointed with the actions of Russia.

He said this in an interview with the Russian newspaper Kommersant.

"Now, many European politicians, including German, are disappointed with the actions of the Russian Federation and the Russian leadership. Currently, it comes to the implementation of the agreements of the Contact Group on September 5 and 19. Unfortunately, we do not see that Russia was actively involved in their implementation. In particular, from my talks in Moscow, it is not clear for me how the border will be controlled. It is obvious that in Russia there are doubts about it: suddenly a question is raised what segments of the border are meant, how far this control is spread, the theme of sovereignty of the Russian Federation is raised," Erler stressed.

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### **Rada saves Luhansk region from new Holodomor - Moskal, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. People's deputy, head of the Luhansk regional administration Hennadiy Moskal said that a resolution about the change in the administrative-territorial order of Luhansk region comes into forces since the moment of its adoption.

He told journalists on the parliament's sidelines, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Resolutions adopted today come into force since the moment of their adoption, and therefore, I currently go to Mrs. Sliuz (head of the State Treasury Tetiana Sliuz - Ed.) and she gives me on receipt the electronic keys from the districts, mentioned in this resolution, and we will do something with money," Moskal said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada\\_saves\\_luhansk\\_region\\_from\\_new\\_holodomor\\_moskal\\_326493](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada_saves_luhansk_region_from_new_holodomor_moskal_326493)

### **NBU promises exchange rate of UAH 11.7/\$1, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Governor of the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) Valeriya Hontareva has predicted the exchange rate of the hryvnia against the U.S. dollar at UAH 11.7/\$1 after the stabilization of the situation in Donbas.

"Once we restore industrial potential, we can clearly think not about the rate of 12.95, but we'll again about the sale [rate] of 11.7," Hontareva said.

As reported, on Monday, hryvnia-dollar quotations on Ukraine's interbank currency market at the close of trading were set at UAH 12.9550/13.1500/\$1 against UAH 12.9633/13.1500/\$1 at 12.00.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu\\_promises\\_exchange\\_rate\\_of\\_uah\\_1171\\_326494](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_promises_exchange_rate_of_uah_1171_326494)

### **80% of industry not working in Luhansk and Donetsk region - Economy Ministry, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Only 20% of industry works in Luhansk and Donetsk regions, which destabilizes the economic situation in Ukraine.

"From 50% to 80% of industrial enterprises are not operating in Ukraine's east. The economic situation in the state is destabilized due to the Russian invasion of the territory of Ukraine," Deputy Economic Development and Trade Minister Roman Kachur said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/80\\_of\\_industry\\_not\\_working\\_in\\_luhansk\\_and\\_donetsk\\_region\\_economy\\_ministry\\_326495](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/80_of_industry_not_working_in_luhansk_and_donetsk_region_economy_ministry_326495)

### **Svoboda demands to publish in mass media who and how voted for anticorruption laws, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Parliamentary faction Svoboda Head Oleh Tiahnybok demands to publish in mass media today's roll-call vote of people's deputies for anticorruption laws.

"If during consideration of the very important issue concerning the anticorruption laws the MP will go somewhere, we will not have a quorum, just because of this... I demand on behalf of the faction that today all votes by names were published in mass media so that electors know who and how wants to fight against corruption," Tiahnybok said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda\\_demands\\_to\\_publish\\_in\\_mass\\_media\\_who\\_and\\_how\\_voted\\_for\\_anticorruption\\_laws\\_326483](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda_demands_to_publish_in_mass_media_who_and_how_voted_for_anticorruption_laws_326483)

### **OSCE mission in eastern Ukraine expanded, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine has increased the number of observers in Luhansk and Donetsk regions to 92 people. There are plans to increase the staff of the mission in the east of the country by another 40 people.

Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said this at a briefing on Wednesday.

"On October 6, the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission increased its presence in Luhansk and Donetsk regions to 92 observers. About 40 new members of the Special Monitoring Mission are expected to arrive in Ukraine next week," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_mission\\_in\\_eastern\\_ukraine\\_expanded\\_326525](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_mission_in_eastern_ukraine_expanded_326525)

### **Poroshenko: There can be no discussion on changing Ukraine's state border, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine will not change its state border, and all information in this regard is untrue.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this at a mobile border detachment in Bortnychi on Tuesday when checking the readiness of border units to take measures as part of the implementation of his peace plan for eastern Ukraine.

"The state border passes and will pass through the line that was fixed by international agreements and recognized by the international community... There can be no discussions and agreements on allegedly transferring or moving the state border," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_there\\_can\\_be\\_no\\_discussion\\_on\\_changing\\_ukraines\\_state\\_border\\_326500](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_there_can_be_no_discussion_on_changing_ukraines_state_border_326500)

### **Government trying to save Kyiv from default, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. "We have allocated UAH 1.8 billion in support of the capital. I am asking the finance minister to allocate [UAH] 835 million to ensure the repayment of Kyiv's debt for the consumption of natural gas," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said at a cabinet meeting.

Yatseniuk said that UAH 1 billion of this amount was direct assistance to the city to complete debt repayment.

"If there are debts, it is clear that warm water is not supplied in some districts. Accordingly, the government assumed the repayment of part of the debt," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government\\_trying\\_to\\_save\\_kyiv\\_from\\_default\\_326517](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_trying_to_save_kyiv_from_default_326517)

### **Government controlling situation with gas supplies - Yatseniuk, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. The situation in Ukraine's energy sector remains extremely difficult, but the government is controlling it. There are currently 16.7 billion cubic meters of natural gas in Ukraine's underground storage facilities.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at a government meeting on Wednesday, the government portal reported.

"Natural gas supplies began under a contract between Naftogaz of Ukraine and one of the world's largest energy operators, Norwegian company Statoil," he said, recalling that reverse supplies were launched from October 1.

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### **US, Britain again urge Kremlin to withdraw troops from Ukraine, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond have again said that Russia should immediately withdraw its troops from Ukraine, end its "material support" for separatists, and meet its commitments under a ceasefire agreement reached in Minsk, Radio Liberty has reported.

"Together with our partners in the European Union, the United States and the United Kingdom are supporting Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the Ukrainian government's efforts to implement important democratic reforms," Kerry said after a meeting with Hammond at a press conference in Washington.

Hammond, in turn, added: "Ukraine is a sovereign country; its people are entitled to make their decisions about their country's future. There can be no Russian veto on Ukrainian democracy."

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### **Nazarbayev ready to help Ukraine to get sanctions lifted from Russia, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. Kazakhstan is ready to strongly contribute to the stabilization of the situation in Ukraine so as to get EU sanctions against Russia canceled.

Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev said this after a meeting with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso in Brussels on Thursday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"We are both very concerned about the events taking place in Ukraine. Sanctions help no one, especially in the economy - the European side, Kazakhstan, and Russia. And we are determined to help stabilize the situation in Ukraine, which would create the framework for the gradual removal of the existing sanctions that obstruct the development of the conflicting parties and the world economy as a whole," he said.

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### **Heletey goes to antiterrorist area, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Defense Minister Valeriy Heletey will go to the ATO area today with examination of provision of military units for their service during the autumn-winter period. He told a briefing at Ukrinform.

"October 10, I will personally go to the ATO area, including with volunteers, and will assess the situation," Heletey said.

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### **US: There is no excuse for Russia for breach of Minsk agreements, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Russia and Russia-backed armed separatists in eastern Ukraine cannot be justified for the violation of the Minsk peace agreements.

U.S. Envoy at OSCE Daniel Baer said this at a meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna on Thursday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"Russia influences the separatists in many ways, including material and financial support; it needs to use that considerable influence to get the separatists to honor their commitments made in Minsk. Russia and its proxies signed in Minsk on September 5th, there is no excuse for the violations," he said.

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### **Government will start law on lustration from itself, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Since the moment of coming into force of the law of Ukraine "On Lustration" the government will immediately take personnel decisions.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at the Cabinet's meeting Friday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"The government starts fulfillment of the law of Ukraine "On Lustration"... After the law comes into force, the government will immediately take personnel decisions," he said.

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### **Yatseniuk, Poroshenko call on five states to strengthen support for Ukraine, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk on Friday met with the speakers of the parliaments of Denmark, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden.

At the meetings they called on representatives of foreign states to strengthen support for Ukraine, in particular, in conducting reforms and expanding economic and military cooperation.

"The head of state thanked the heads of the parliaments of these European countries for supporting Ukraine and stressed the importance of European solidarity to ensure the stability of the peace process in Ukraine. He also urged them to strengthen support for Ukraine on its path to reform and expand mutually beneficial economic and military-technical cooperation," the presidential press office reported.

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### **Yatseniuk instructs to attract youth to civil service, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk instructed concerned ministries to immediately announce to attract young people to work in the civil service.

"We have enough smart, educated, honest and pure youth. I instruct the National Agency of Ukraine for Civil Service and concerned ministries to immediately announce a public competition to attract new, young, high-quality professionals to work in the civil service of Ukraine," he said.

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### **Ukraine has enough money to pay debts - Shlapak, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine has enough resources to meet financial obligations this year.

Finance Minister Oleksandr Shlapak said at a meeting with investors during the conference

Global Emerging Markets, the press service of the Finance Ministry informs.

"We have enough resources to meet our obligations in the current year and the level of our cooperation with the IMF and other donors allows us to have a positive look into next year," Shlapak said and expressed confidence that Ukraine is a promising market for investors.

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### **OSCE drones to monitor only part of border with Russia - mission spokesman, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. OSCE drones designed to monitor Ukraine's border with Russia will cover only part of the territory near the border, spokesman for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine Michael Bociurkiw has told Ukrinform.

"They [the drones] will cover part [of the border]. These drones have a range of 100 kilometers," Bociurkiw said.

He said that the mission today planned to monitor a certain area. "Part of it will be close to the border," he said.

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### **OSCE mission to Ukraine expanded to 1,500 observers, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. The number of observers of the OSCE special monitoring mission in Donbas has been increased to 1,500.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this in his address on the implementation of his peace plan and the strengthening of the defense of the state.

"I filed a request and received a positive response that the number of OSCE observers had been increased to 1,500 people. Such a number will allow this respected European organization to fulfill its obligations on observing the ceasefire and resuming Ukrainian control over the border with Russia," he said.

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### **World leaders support Minsk agreements, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. French President Francois Hollande, U.S. President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi held a video conference on Wednesday during which they unanimously supported the Minsk agreements of September 5 and called for the resumption of national dialogue and further decentralization in Ukraine.

This is stated in a statement released by the Elysee Palace, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"As for Ukraine, the heads of state and government stressed the importance of full and effective implementation of the Minsk protocol of September 5, including guarantees for a complete ceasefire, the withdrawal of armament, control over the Ukrainian-Russian border by the OSCE, and the subsequent release of prisoners," reads the document.

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### **Yatseniuk says Ukraine could introduce visa regime with Russia, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. The visa regime with Russia could be introduced, but it will not stop Russian saboteurs.

"If it's necessary to introduce additional methods of control, including the visa regime, they will be introduced," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said on the Shuster Live program.

But this will not stop Russian saboteurs who illegally penetrate into the country, he said. Therefore, the main objective should be the fortification of the border and the first line of defense - the Stina (Wall) project, Yatseniuk said.

"It will not stop the shelling, but the line will allow border guards and armed forces to respond to aggression," the prime minister said.

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### **Obama urges EU to make Russia comply with Minsk agreements, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday discussed with the leaders of Britain, Italy, Germany and France the situation in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia due to its aggression in the region.

The White House said this in a statement following a video conference held between the world leaders.

"The leaders discussed the need for Russia to fulfill all of its obligations under the Minsk agreements," reads the document.

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### **Putin warns gas transit to Europe via Ukraine still problematic, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. President of Russia Vladimir Putin in an interview to Serbian daily Politika warned Europe about possible problems with gas transit via Ukraine.

"As for the future of Russian gas exports to Europe, the problem of transit across the Ukrainian territory remains. One of the more obvious solutions might be to diversify the delivery routes," Reuters agency quotes Putin.

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### **Putin advises West not to put pressure on Russia, warns of 'nuclear discord', 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Attempts by the West to put pressure on Russia because of the events in Ukraine are only complicating the settlement of the situation, Russian President Vladimir Putin has said.

"Our partners should be well aware that attempts to put pressure on Russia with unilateral and illegitimate restrictive measures will not bring about a settlement, but rather impede the dialogue," he said in an interview with Serbia's Politika newspaper on the eve of his visit to Belgrade.

Putin expressed hope that the West "will realize the futility of attempts to blackmail Russia and remember what consequences discord between major nuclear powers could bring for strategic stability." He also said he was ready for "constructive cooperation."

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### **Reverse gas for Ukraine no longer belongs to Gazprom - commissioner, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. European companies supply to Ukraine in a reverse mode the natural gas purchased from Gazprom and therefore it no longer belongs to the Russian company.

"If you go to a Carrefour [a popular supermarket chain] and buy goods there, they already belong to you. You can freely store, use or sell them - it's your property. So if gas companies bought gas, it is no longer owned by Gazprom, and they are free to do with it whatever they want: they can sell or store it. So, we have strict rules regarding the functioning of the internal gas market, and they fully comply with EU requirements," European Commission Vice President Guenther Oettinger said.

He noted that in this respect "Russian partners have quite a different culture."

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### **Azarov secretly meets with Russian MPs, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Ex-Prime Minister of Ukraine Mykola Azarov was invited to meet with members of the State Duma, which will take place on Thursday.

Member of the State Duma Committee on CIS, Eurasian Integration and Ties with Compatriots Robert Schlegel told the Russian service of Novosti.

"The meeting will be closed to the press. It starts about 14 hours (13.00 Kyiv time)," he said.

At the moment, according to RIA Novosti, the meeting is held behind closed doors. Before its beginning, Azarov held talks with Head of the Committee for CIS Affairs Leonid Slutsky.

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### **Van Rompuy: Putin said Donbas is part of Ukraine, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. A meeting between Ukrainian and Russian Presidents Petro Poroshenko and Vladimir Putin involving European leaders on the sidelines of an ASEM summit in Milan on Friday revealed many differences between the parties, but Putin made it clear that he does not want the creation of another Transdniestria in Donbas.

This was stated by European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, who attended the meeting.

"Of course, we will not hide it, there were differences of view regarding various aspects. And more meetings will take place this afternoon to address these questions. But it is also important to note that President Putin made it clear that he does not want the creation of another Transdniestria and that the Donbas region is an integral part of Ukraine," he said, describing this meeting format as "Normandy plus. "

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, in turn, said that the EU side had stressed the need for full implementation of the ceasefire regime and the Minsk agreements.

"I believe the meeting was constructive. Serious implementation is now key so that trust can be restored and consolidated," Barroso said.

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### **Meeting in Milan gives no results - Polish Foreign Minister, 18.10.2014**

KYIV, October 18 /Ukrinform/. The Milan meeting of Presidents of Ukraine and Russia with participation of leaders of the European countries did not bring anything new.

Polish Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna expressed this opinion, Polish Radio reports.

"For the EU it is not enough just to meet. The eastern policy should be well felt all the time. And Poland knows how to do it. Out role therein lies in searching for the key to the eastern door, but the key will not remain the same over the years. It must be polished and selected all the time," Schetyna said.

According to him, the situation in Eastern Europe is very dynamic, no one could foresee such a development in Ukraine a year ago.

"But that does not mean that we should avoid looking forward. It is necessary to build the Polish foreign policy strategy, thinking not about the Vilnius Summit of November 2013, but about the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga in November 2015," the Minister stressed.

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### **Give Ukraine the weapons it needs for self-defense, 19.10.2014**

Carl Levin, a Democrat, represents Michigan in the Senate, where he is chairman of the Armed Services Committee. James Inhofe, a Republican, represents Oklahoma in the Senate and is the ranking minority member on the committee.

When Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko spoke to a joint session of Congress last month, he thanked the United States for its assistance in confronting Russian aggression, and indeed, our country, along with our NATO allies, has done much. But Poroshenko asked us for more.

"Blankets, night-vision goggles are also important," he said, "but one cannot win the war with blankets."

We believe now is the time to add defensive military aid, including weapons, to our support of Ukraine.

We believe the United States should begin providing defensive weapons that would help Ukraine defend its territory. Such weapons could include anti-tank weapons to defend against Russian-provided armored personnel carriers, ammunition, vehicles and secure communications equipment. This would present no threat to Russia unless its forces launch further aggression against Ukraine. In other words, these weapons are lethal but not provocative because they are defensive.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/carl-levin-james-inhofe-give-ukraine-the-weapons-it-needs-to-defend-itself/2014/10/16/06da647a-4fe2-11e4-babe-e91da079cb8a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/carl-levin-james-inhofe-give-ukraine-the-weapons-it-needs-to-defend-itself/2014/10/16/06da647a-4fe2-11e4-babe-e91da079cb8a_story.html)

## **Heletei, Muzhenko responsible for Ilovaisk tragedy - parliamentary investigators, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Former Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletei and Chief of the General Staff Viktor Muzhenko must bear the responsibility for the events in Ilovaisk, Donetsk region, which led to the tragic deaths of many Ukrainian soldiers.

This was stated by the chairman of the Verkhovna Rada's temporary investigative commission on the Ilovaisk tragedy, MP Andriy Senchenko, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Heletei and Muzhenko must share the responsibility for the Ilovaisk tragedy," he said.

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## **Russia proposed that Poland occupy part of Ukraine - Sikorski, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Russia wanted to involve Poland in occupying part of Ukraine.

This was stated by former Polish Foreign Minister and current Marshal of the Sejm Radoslaw Sikorski, the Yevropeiska Pravda online newspaper reported.

"Putin wants Poland to commit troops to Ukraine. These were the signals they sent us. We have known how they think for years. We have known this is what they think for years. This was one of the first things that Putin said to my prime minister, Donald Tusk, [soon to be President of the European Council] when he visited Moscow. He went on to say Ukraine is an artificial country and that Lviv is a Polish city and why don't we just sort it out together," Sikorski was quoted as saying by Politico Magazine.

Sikorski also said that Poland had made it clear to Putin that it would not participate in that. "We made it very, very clear to them - we wanted nothing to do with this," he said.

He said that Russia wants to push the West "to the limit."

"Putin thinks he's facing a bunch of degenerate weaklings. And he thinks we wouldn't go to war to defend the Baltics. You know, maybe he's right," Sikorski said.

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## **No agreements on gas reached in Milan - Yatseniuk, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. No agreements on Russian gas supplies to Ukraine have been reached in Milan.

"There are currently no agreements with Russia on gas. There is no contract signed, so there is no agreement," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_agreements\\_on\\_gas\\_reached\\_in\\_milan\\_yatseniuk\\_326703](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_agreements_on_gas_reached_in_milan_yatseniuk_326703)

## **Russian army losses in Donbas reach 4,360 persons, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Russian army losses in Donbas fighting have reached 4,360 servicemen.

Such statistics on 11 military units were released by Russian human rights activist and founder of the Web project "Cargo 200 from Ukraine to Russia," Elena Vasilyeva.

"The figures are approximate, because there is no accounting of troops in that 'hotchpotch' called Russian troops. There is also no centralized management, as well as no military education and experience in [Russian Defense Minister Sergei] Shoigu," she said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_army\\_losses\\_in\\_donbas\\_reach\\_4360\\_persons\\_326707](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_army_losses_in_donbas_reach_4360_persons_326707)

## **Amnesty International finds no evidence of mass killings in Donbas, 20.10.2014**

Amnesty International has not found any conclusive evidence of mass murders or mass graves in the Donbas conflict zone, Director of Amnesty International in Ukraine Tatiana Mazur said on Monday.

"[However], we've seen isolated incidents of extrajudicial executions, which in some cases are the equivalent of war crimes," Mazur said.

"These violations have to be brought to an end. All cases in which there is reasonable suspicion should be properly investigated, and the perpetrators on both sides must be brought to justice."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/998205-amnesty-international-finds-no-evidence-of-mass-killings-in-donbas.html>



### **Komorowski: Sanctions against Russia will be cancelled when Crimea returns to Ukraine, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski is convinced that a condition for lifting of sanctions against Russia is the return of Crimea to Ukraine.

"The entire Western world has identified so," Komorowski said, answering a question whether a condition for the lifting of sanctions against Moscow will be that Russia leaves Crimea.

According to the Polish President, the current sanctions against Russia bring a "moderate, but positive result." "The policy of sanctions has strengthened Ukrainians," Polish President stressed in an interview with Rzeczpospolita .

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### **Europe again calls on Russia to withdraw its troops and calm militants, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has again noted Russia's responsibility for the removal of illegal armed groups from Ukrainian territory. This is stated in the conclusions on Ukraine made after a meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on Monday.

"The [EU] Council underlines the Russian Federation's responsibility in this context, and calls for the withdrawal of illegal armed groups, military equipment, fighters and mercenaries, as well as for the securing of the Ukrainian-Russian border with permanent monitoring under OSCE verification," reads the document.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe\\_again\\_calls\\_on\\_russia\\_to\\_withdraw\\_its\\_troops\\_and\\_calm\\_militants\\_326734](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe_again_calls_on_russia_to_withdraw_its_troops_and_calm_militants_326734)

### **Denisova promises rising of pensions from January, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet plans rising of pensions from January 1 next year. This depends on the fact whether the parliament approves economic, tax and budget reforms, offered by the government.

"Since January 1, 2015, the government plans to increase the pension amounts. In other words, the subsistence minimum, which is the basis for calculating pensions, and the size of subsistence minimum for the able-bodied people," Social Policy Minister Liudmyla Denisova said.

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### **Conditions of Minsk agreements will not be changed - Chaly, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. "During the meeting of the European Union Council, held recently at the level of Foreign Ministers, a document was adopted, which clearly notes that the EU position for support of Ukraine is non-recognition of the annexation of Crimea, support of clear positions on three main priorities of implementation of the Minsk agreements - closing of the border, ceasefire, completion of exchange of hostages, and the OSCE monitoring. The Minsk Protocol of September 5 and the Memorandum of September 19 are the basic documents for implementation. No coordinates, which are approved by Ukraine today, are going to be changed and this clear position is kept today," Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said.

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### **Sikorski denies Putin offered Poland plan to split Ukraine, 21.10.2014**

Former Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski has said his earlier comments on Russian President Vladimir Putin's alleged proposal to former Polish Premier Donald Tusk to split Ukraine have been "misinterpreted."

On October 20, the U.S. Web site Politico wrote that Sikorski had claimed that Putin had offered Poland a plan to divide Ukraine.

"Some of my words were interpreted in an exaggerated way. I confirm that Poland is not involved in annexations," Sikorski wrote on Twitter.

"I also remind you that Vladimir Putin publicly called Ukraine an artificial state at the NATO summit in Bucharest in 2008," he added.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/998683-sikorski-denies-putin-offered-poland-plan-to-split-ukraine.html>

### **More than one year needed to return Donbas - Yatseniuk, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said that Ukraine will return control over Donbas when it has enough possibilities for this.

"The return of territories controlled by terrorists is an affair of more than one year, we will return them, when we become stronger," Yatseniuk noted.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more\\_than\\_one\\_year\\_needed\\_to\\_return\\_donbas\\_yatseniuk\\_326749](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more_than_one_year_needed_to_return_donbas_yatseniuk_326749)

### **Moskal proposes special status for 150 settlements in Luhansk region, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. Head of Luhansk Regional State Administration Hennadiy Moskal has compiled a list of 154 towns and villages in the region to which he proposes granting a special local government status, the governor's press service has reported.

"The administrative units stated on the list are on the Ukrainian-controlled territory, but it is impossible to convene meetings of district, town or village councils, as there are no mayors, village heads, and others. They fled to Russia, are in the militia among militants or are brought by Ukrainian law enforcement agencies to justice for separatism. Local government agencies cannot perform their direct functions, so they must be reelected and restarted," Moskal said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moskal\\_proposes\\_special\\_status\\_for\\_150\\_settlements\\_in\\_luhansk\\_region\\_326758](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moskal_proposes_special_status_for_150_settlements_in_luhansk_region_326758)

### **Russia says Ukraine should find money to pay for gas within a week, 22.10.2014**

BY KATYA GOLUBKOVA

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(Reuters) - Ukraine should be able to find ways of paying for Russian gas supplies within a week, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said on Wednesday, suggesting a standoff would end once Moscow received financial guarantees from Kiev.

The latest round of gas talks between Moscow and Kiev ended late on Tuesday in Brussels with no agreement in a dispute that prompted Russia to cut off gas supplies to its neighbor in mid-June, potentially hurting flows west to the European Union.

On Tuesday, Russia increased the pressure on Ukraine, which is dependent on Western aid, demanding assurances on how Kiev, would find the money to pay Moscow. Earlier Ukraine asked the European Union for a further 2 billion euros in credit.

Novak told reporters at an energy conference in Moscow that the two sides had almost reached a deal but that the talks came unstuck "by another issue - where will Ukraine get the money to pay in advance for gas supplies in November and December".

"If the Ukrainians have the money, then the documents will be signed. If not, then we will wait."

"If Europe gives them the money, then gas will flow," he said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/22/us-ukraine-crisis-russia-gas-idUSKCN0IB0SV20141022?>

### **Steinmeier calls for preservation of Ukraine's unity, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has called for "every effort" to be made to preserve Ukraine's unity.

"Now we must make every effort to ensure that the difficult first steps after the Minsk agreements could be implemented and that our capabilities allowed us to influence the fact that the preservation of Ukraine's unity could be guaranteed," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier\\_calls\\_for\\_preservation\\_of\\_ukraines\\_unity\\_326766](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/steinmeier_calls_for_preservation_of_ukraines_unity_326766)

### **Putin wants to annex Donbas - ex-Pentagon chief, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin has seized Crimea using military force and aims to do the same in the east of Ukraine.

This was stated by former U.S. Secretary of Defense and former CIA Chief Leon Panetta, Radio Liberty reported.

Panetta said that at the very beginning of the conflict Putin had to show that he cannot use aggression to seize territories.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin\\_wants\\_to\\_annex\\_donbas\\_ex\\_pentagon\\_chief\\_326767](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_wants_to_annex_donbas_ex_pentagon_chief_326767)

### **Stockholm arbitration accepts Naftogaz lawsuit on interim gas price, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. The Stockholm arbitration court has accepted an additional lawsuit from Ukraine regarding a solution on an interim price for Russian gas.

"The Stockholm arbitration court has accepted our additional lawsuit regarding an interim solution in the case between Naftogaz and Gazprom," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

According to Yatseniuk, Ukraine has two options to resolve the problem with gas.

"The first option is to sign an interim agreement that we have drawn up together with our European partners.... The second option [initiated by the government several months ago] is a dispute settlement in court," Yatseniuk said.

"The court may set an interim price and, respectively, a procedure for payment and gas supply," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/stockholm\\_arbitration\\_accepts\\_naftogaz\\_lawsuit\\_on\\_interim\\_gas\\_price\\_326765](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/stockholm_arbitration_accepts_naftogaz_lawsuit_on_interim_gas_price_326765)

### **Merkel asks EU to help Ukraine with gas payments, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called on the EU to help Ukraine pay for Russian gas supplies. The DW reports.

"We need to provide a kind of interim financing," she said Friday morning after the first day of the EU summit in Brussels.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel\\_asks\\_eu\\_to\\_help\\_ukraine\\_with\\_gas\\_payments\\_326789](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_asks_eu_to_help_ukraine_with_gas_payments_326789)

### **Tusk: Putin never proposed to divide Ukraine, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. Former head of the Polish government Donald Tusk said that Russian President Vladimir Putin has never offered him to divide Ukraine.

He said on air of Radio TOK FM Friday.

"There was no such a proposal at any meeting with President Putin (to divide Ukraine - Ed.)," Tusk assured.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tusk\\_putin\\_never\\_proposed\\_to\\_divide\\_ukraine\\_326794](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tusk_putin_never_proposed_to_divide_ukraine_326794)

### **Finnish Prime Minister names situation in Crimea frozen conflict, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. Russian troops are not withdrawn from the east of Ukraine, the situation in Crimea looks like a frozen conflict.

Prime Minister of Finland Alexander Stubb said on his arrival at the EU summit in Brussels, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty informs.

"I do not think that the debate on Ukraine will be very long. The situation has not improved. On the situation in Crimea, we all understand and know that it looks like a frozen conflict. In addition to this, if we look at the ceasefire agreement, we see that there is no withdrawal of Russian troops from the east of Ukraine and Ukrainians have no control over borders. We consider that elections in Ukraine are very important, we will continue to proceed from this," Stubb said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/finnish\\_prime\\_minister\\_names\\_situation\\_in\\_crimea\\_frozen\\_conflict\\_326795](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/finnish_prime_minister_names_situation_in_crimea_frozen_conflict_326795)

### **Poroshenko: Ukraine to be effective European state, 24.10.2014**

Ukraine will be an honest and effective European state, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said during a presentation of his 2020 Reform Strategy 2020 in Odessa on Thursday, the presidential press service has reported.

"If we build a new strong economy, a country without corruption, and accept the rule of law, we will begin to live in a new way," Poroshenko said.

He said the conflict in the Donbas region should not be an obstacle to the implementation of reforms in the rest of the country.

"It's right now, or never, because today we are united as never before, we have a team that knows how to make reforms, and can do so," the president said.

"We will form a new pro-European coalition without lies and populism, and Ukraine will become an honest and effective state."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1000258-poroshenko-ukraine-to-be-effective-european-state.html>

### **Communists demand to remove Opposition Bloc from elections, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. The Communist Party requires the CEC to cancel registration of the party Opposition Bloc for gross violations of the campaigning by this political force and disseminating false information with respect to the CPU.

This was reported by the press service of the Communist Party.

"So, the Opposition Bloc in its election campaign spreads false information that the Communist Party of Ukraine is banned and is not participating in elections, so one does not need to vote for the Communist Party, and encourages voters to vote for their political force," the Communists say.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/communists\\_demand\\_to\\_remove\\_opposition\\_bloc\\_from\\_elections\\_326803](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/communists_demand_to_remove_opposition_bloc_from_elections_326803)

### **UNESCO: Crimea still part of Ukraine, 24.10.2014**

The Executive Board of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) at its 195th meeting has confirmed that it continues to consider Crimea to be part of Ukraine.

"UNESCO has confirmed that the Autonomous Republic of Crimea is part of Ukraine, despite all of Russia's words and actions," Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Serhiy Kyslytsia wrote on Twitter.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1000266-unesco-crimea-still-part-of-ukraine.html>

### **More irregularities at Rada elections than at presidential elections - Poroshenko headquarters, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. A certain increase in the number of voting irregularities has been recorded at the current early elections for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine compared to the May 2014 presidential elections.

Roman Zvarych, deputy head of the headquarters of the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, said this at a briefing on Sunday.

"If we compare [the current parliamentary elections] with the presidential elections four months ago, we can record an insignificant, but still noticeable growth of various kinds of violations," Zvarych said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more\\_irregularities\\_at\\_rada\\_elections\\_than\\_at\\_presidential\\_elections\\_poroshenko\\_headquarters\\_326823](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/more_irregularities_at_rada_elections_than_at_presidential_elections_poroshenko_headquarters_326823)

### **Elections held in organized and peaceful manner - OSCE observers, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Early parliamentary elections in Ukraine are being held in an organized and peaceful manner.

The head of the observation mission of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Doris Barnett, said this at a polling station at Officers House in Kyiv on Sunday.

"What we saw today are well-organized polling stations to which many people come, but they do not have to queue for a long time," Barnett said.

She also noted the peaceful expression of popular will.

"We are very happy right now that the elections are being held peacefully. Despite the fact that many people come to polling stations, the elections are being held peacefully given what we have seen," she said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/elections\\_held\\_in\\_organized\\_and\\_peaceful\\_manner\\_osce\\_observers\\_326810](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/elections_held_in_organized_and_peaceful_manner_osce_observers_326810)

### **White House recognizes elections in Ukraine, 27.10.2014**

The White House congratulates Ukraine on voting in parliamentary elections and stands ready for cooperating with the new parliament, U.S. National Security Council spokesman at the Mark Stroh has said at a briefing in Washington D.C.

"We congratulate the people of Ukraine on today's voting in the parliamentary elections," Stroh said, quoted by Russian news agency RIA Novosti.

"The voting took place despite policy and security challenges in some parts of Ukraine, yet millions of voters across the country came to the polling stations to take part in voting."

<http://www.unian.info/world/1001412-white-house-recognizes-elections-in-ukraine.html>

### **Poroshenko: electorate pronounces death sentence for Communist Party, 27.10.2014**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has hailed the electoral demise of the Communist Party and Party of Regions in Ukraine following the country's early parliamentary elections on October 26.

Speaking in a video address to the nation, President Poroshenko thanked Ukraine's voters for their support.

"I asked you to vote for a democratic, pro-European majority. Thank you for having heard my words, thank you for your support for this request," said the president.

He congratulated Ukrainians on the holding of the elections and promised that the vote count would be conducted properly. The official results of the elections have not yet been announced, but according to exit polls pro-presidential parties and blocs – the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, the Popular Front and the Samopomich Party – took more than 50% of the vote.

Poroshenko also noted that for the first time in the history of independent Ukraine the pro-Russian Communist Party had failed to win seats in parliament, the Verkhovna Rada.

"For the first time in 96 years, the Ukrainian parliament will be without communists. I congratulate you with this event. Ukrainians have struck a final blow to a political fifth column. Justice has triumphed, and this also concerns the pro-Russian Party of Regions, which was unable to take part in the elections."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1001286-poroshenko-electorate-pronounces-death-sentence-for-communist-party.html>

### **PABSEC observers positively assess elections in Ukraine, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. A delegation of observers from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) who monitored the early elections for the Verkhovna Rada on October 26 has positively assessed the electoral process. PABSEC Vice-President David Saganelidze said this at a press conference on Monday.

"The elections passed well, although activity was much lower than in the previous presidential elections, when turnout was 80%. But then the situation was such that the temperature among people was high and an interest in the election was great," Saganelidze said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pabsec\\_observers\\_positively\\_assess\\_elections\\_in\\_ukraine\\_326830](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pabsec_observers_positively_assess_elections_in_ukraine_326830)

### **Lithuania congratulates Ukrainians on free elections, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. The Lithuanian Foreign Ministry has congratulated Ukrainians on free elections and expressed hope that Ukraine will confidently walk the path of EU integration. The ministry said this in a statement posted on its website.

"We congratulate the people of Ukraine for expressing their will in free and democratic early elections to the Verkhovna Rada and for choosing European future," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lithuania\\_congratulates\\_ukrainians\\_on\\_free\\_elections\\_326831](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lithuania_congratulates_ukrainians_on_free_elections_326831)

### **GUAM observers: Ukraine elections were free and fair, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. The early elections for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine were organized and conducted in accordance with international obligations, democratic standards and national legislation.

Observers from the GUAM Organization for Democracy and Economic Development said.

"A group of GUAM observers is satisfied with the results of monitoring. The elections in general can be assessed positively - as free and fair," GUAM Secretary General Valeri Chechelashvili said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/guam\\_observers\\_ukraine\\_elections\\_were\\_free\\_and\\_fair\\_326832](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/guam_observers_ukraine_elections_were_free_and_fair_326832)

### **ENEMO notes transparency and efficiency of Ukraine elections, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) believes that the parliamentary elections held in Ukraine on October 26 were transparent and democratic, and their conduct was generally in compliance with international standards.



This is stated in a preliminary report by ENEMO, which was presented at a briefing in Kyiv on Monday by ENEMO Mission Head Srdjan Pavlicic.

"The polling on October 26 was conducted in a transparent and efficient manner, generally in compliance with international standards. Certain irregularities did not have a significant influence on the outcome, especially during the campaign period," Pavlicic said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/enemo\\_notes\\_transparency\\_and\\_efficiency\\_of\\_ukraine\\_elections\\_326838](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/enemo_notes_transparency_and_efficiency_of_ukraine_elections_326838)

### **OSCE praises democratic manner of elections and firmness of Ukrainians, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. Parliamentary elections in Ukraine were conducted mainly in a democratic manner.

OSCE Special Coordinator Kent Harstedt said this at a press conference in Kyiv on Monday. He said that at this important moment for the future of Ukraine, Ukrainian institutions and voters responded to the challenges in the elections, which, he said, were largely conducted democratically.

He noted that during the elections Ukrainians demonstrated firmness that will help Ukraine overcome challenges. "The elections marked an important step in Ukraine's aspirations to consolidate democratic elections in line with its international commitments," Harsdedt said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_praises\\_democratic\\_manner\\_of\\_elections\\_and\\_firmness\\_of\\_ukrainians\\_326841](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_praises_democratic_manner_of_elections_and_firmness_of_ukrainians_326841)

### **NATO ready to cooperate with new parliament and government of Ukraine, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. The North Atlantic Alliance has recognized the democratic nature of the October 26 elections for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and is ready to cooperate with the president and the new parliament and government.

This was stated by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

"I congratulate the people of Ukraine for exercising their right to vote in largely peaceful parliamentary elections. As stated by international observers, despite difficult conditions, the elections were in line with international standards. The large majority of the people of Ukraine have clearly and democratically spoken in favor of an ambitious reform agenda and a European path," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato\\_ready\\_to\\_cooperate\\_with\\_new\\_parliament\\_and\\_government\\_of\\_ukraine\\_326845](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_ready_to_cooperate_with_new_parliament_and_government_of_ukraine_326845)

### **Obama calls Ukraine elections successful, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. U.S. President Barack Obama has congratulated the people of Ukraine on holding successful parliamentary elections and called on Russia to ensure that its proxies in eastern Ukraine do not block democratic processes.

He said this in a statement posted on the White House website on Monday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

"On behalf of the American people, I congratulate the people of Ukraine on holding successful parliamentary elections on October 26. Despite a challenging security environment in certain regions, millions of Ukrainians turned out across the country to cast their ballots in an orderly and peaceful manner," Obama said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/obama\\_calls\\_ukraine\\_elections\\_successful\\_326848](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/obama_calls_ukraine_elections_successful_326848)

### **Another Russian 'aid convoy' coming to Ukraine, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Emergencies Ministry is sending another column with "humanitarian aid" for the residents of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, ITAR-TASS has reported, citing the ministry's information department.

"It is planned that an automobile column with 'humanitarian aid' for the population of Donetsk and Luhansk regions will depart from Noginsk, near Moscow, today, at 15.00 Moscow time," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another\\_russian\\_aid\\_convoy\\_coming\\_to\\_ukraine\\_326855](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_russian_aid_convoy_coming_to_ukraine_326855)

### **U.S. not to recognize 'terrorist' elections in Donbas - Pyatt, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. The United States will not recognize the so-called "elections of leaders and parliaments of DPR and LPR" scheduled by terrorists in eastern Ukraine for November 2.

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

"US will not recognize any election held in separatist-held areas that does not comport with Ukrainian law and is not held with the express consent of the Ukrainian government," the diplomat wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us\\_not\\_to\\_recognize\\_terrorist\\_elections\\_in\\_donbas\\_pyatt\\_326858](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_not_to_recognize_terrorist_elections_in_donbas_pyatt_326858)

### **Samopomich has not yet entered into talks on coalition - Sadovy, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Samopomich Union, which, according to preliminary results of the Central Election Commission, is third in Ukraine's early parliamentary elections, has not yet entered into any formal talks on the creation of a future coalition.

The leader of the party, Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovy, wrote this on his Facebook page.

"Samopomich has not currently entered into any formal negotiations on a coalition. However, we realize that Ukrainians gave a vote of confidence to a number of pro-Ukrainian and pro-European parties that should jointly seek common ground to address the pressing issues of the state," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/samopomich\\_has\\_not\\_yet\\_entered\\_into\\_talks\\_on\\_coalition\\_sadovy\\_326860](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/samopomich_has_not_yet_entered_into_talks_on_coalition_sadovy_326860)

### **Pseudo-elections in Donbas jeopardize peace process - Poroshenko, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Pseudo-elections in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics that terrorists want to hold on November 2 jeopardize the entire peace process in Donbas.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this at a meeting with U.S. Senator and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee James Inhofe in Kyiv on Tuesday, the presidential press service reported.

"The head of state said that pseudo-elections scheduled by the so-called DPR and LPR for early November not only have nothing to do with the Minsk protocol of September 5, 2014, but also grossly contradict its letter and spirit. They jeopardize the entire peace process," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pseudo\\_elections\\_in\\_donbas\\_jeopardize\\_peace\\_process\\_poroshenko\\_326869](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pseudo_elections_in_donbas_jeopardize_peace_process_poroshenko_326869)

### **Lavrov: Russia to recognize elections in breakaway districts of Donbas, 28.10.2014**

Russia will recognize the results of the upcoming elections in the self-proclaimed Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics if they are held according to the present plan, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said in an interview with Russian media, according to Russian Internet news site Lenta.ru.

"The elections scheduled for November 2 on the territory of the breakaway Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics will be important in terms of legitimizing power," Lavrov said.

"We believe that this is one of the most important areas of the Minsk agreements."

"We hope for the expression of [the people's] will to be free, and that no external forces try to prevent [the vote]," Lavrov added.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1001929-lavrov-russia-to-recognize-elections-in-breakaway-districts-of-donbas.html>

### **Yatseniuk names date for creation of coalition and government, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. People's Front leader Arseniy Yatseniuk has said he hopes that a coalition in the new Verkhovna Rada and a new government will be formed within 20 days.

"Over the next 20 days we have to make a final decision. This, of course, depends on the results of the vote. But I am convinced that the Central Election Commission will fulfill its constitutional function and sum up the results of the elections," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk\\_names\\_date\\_for\\_creation\\_of\\_coalition\\_and\\_government\\_326883](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_names_date_for_creation_of_coalition_and_government_326883)

### **Ukraine-Russia gas talks lasted almost ten hours, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine and Russia, through the mediation of the European Union, have not yet agreed on gas supply this winter.

Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak reported the interim results of trilateral gas negotiations between the EU, Ukraine and Russia, which lasted nearly ten hours and ended in Brussels early on Thursday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported.

He said that the sides would continue the talks on the evening of Thursday, October 30.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_russia\\_gas\\_talks\\_lasted\\_almost\\_ten\\_hours\\_326889](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_russia_gas_talks_lasted_almost_ten_hours_326889)

### **EU not to recognize pseudo-elections in DPR and LPR, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has said that it will not recognize "presidential" and "parliamentary" elections in the territories controlled by terrorist organizations "Donetsk People's Republic" and "Luhansk People's Republic."

The European External Action Service said this in a statement on Wednesday.

"The holding of 'presidential' and 'parliamentary' elections, called by the self-appointed authorities, would run counter to the letter and the spirit of the Minsk Protocol and disrupt progress towards finding a sustainable political solution in this framework. The EU would not recognize them," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu\\_not\\_to\\_recognize\\_pseudo\\_elections\\_in\\_dpr\\_and\\_lpr\\_326893](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_not_to_recognize_pseudo_elections_in_dpr_and_lpr_326893)

### **Batkivshchyna says Tymoshenko's coalition talks with Poroshenko were constructive, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. The Batkivshchyna Party has said that talks were held between President Petro Poroshenko and Batkivshchyna leader Yulia Tymoshenko on the creation of a parliamentary coalition. The party's press service said that the talks were constructive.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna\\_says\\_tymoshenkos\\_coalition\\_talks\\_with\\_poroshenko\\_were\\_constructive\\_326896](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/batkivshchyna_says_tymoshenkos_coalition_talks_with_poroshenko_were_constructive_326896)

### **Ukraine wants lower price for winter gas, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine and the European Union have reached a position under which the price of Russian natural gas for Ukraine should be \$378 per 1,000 cubic meters by the end of the year and \$365 per 1,000 cubic meters from the beginning of the next year.

"Now we have reached a position where the price will be determined by the formula directly stipulated in the contract. This formula is influenced by the price of oil, which has fallen significantly. This means that in the last quarter of this year the price will be 378 [dollars per 1,000 cubic meters], while in the first quarter of next year the price will stand at 365 [dollars per 1,000 cubic meters]," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

He recalled that earlier, Ukraine and the European Union had proposed that Russia amend the current contract, which would envisage the gas price for Ukraine in the summer season at \$325 per 1,000 cubic meters and in the winter season at \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters, when prices for energy resources grow.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_wants\\_lower\\_price\\_for\\_winter\\_gas\\_326901](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_wants_lower_price_for_winter_gas_326901)

### **Ukraine to buy up to four billion cubic meters of gas this year - Prodan, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine plans to purchase up to four billion cubic meters of gas from Russia this year and has the money to pay for this gas.

"Ukraine plans to buy up to four billion cubic meters of gas. This is our benchmark... We have the necessary funds," Ukrainian Energy and Coal Industry Minister Yuriy Prodan said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_to\\_buy\\_up\\_to\\_four\\_billion\\_cubic\\_meters\\_of\\_gas\\_this\\_year\\_prodan\\_326910](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_to_buy_up_to_four_billion_cubic_meters_of_gas_this_year_prodan_326910)

### **Gazprom ready to resume gas supplies to Ukraine within 48 hours - Miller, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Gazprom may start gas supplies to Ukraine within 48 hours.

This was stated by Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller, RIA Novosti reported.

"Gazprom may begin deliveries to Ukraine within 48 hours. It all depends on advance payment," the agency reported, citing Miller.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gazprom\\_ready\\_to\\_resume\\_gas\\_supplies\\_to\\_ukraine\\_within\\_48\\_hours\\_miller\\_326913](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gazprom_ready_to_resume_gas_supplies_to_ukraine_within_48_hours_miller_326913)

### **Liashko's party ready to enter into coalition under certain conditions, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Oleh Liashko's Radical Party has expressed its willingness to participate in a parliamentary coalition, according to a statement released by the party's press service.

The party insists that the coalition agreement take into account several provisions. They believe that a new coalition government must ensure the integrity and unitary form of the state, support domestic producers, and establish strong investment incentives.

In addition, the party considers it necessary to "develop human capital" - introduce English language training and technology.

The Radical Party also proposes de-monopolizing the economy, ensuring energy independence of the country, reforming public administration and banning the sale of agricultural land.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/liashkos\\_party\\_ready\\_to\\_enter\\_into\\_coalition\\_under\\_certain\\_conditions\\_326916](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/liashkos_party_ready_to_enter_into_coalition_under_certain_conditions_326916)

### **Poroshenko Bloc to support Yatseniuk as prime minister on one condition, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has proposed that the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko faction support Arseniy Yatseniuk as new prime minister on the condition of the detailed coordination of a coalition agreement.

He said this at a meeting with MPs elected from the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper reported.

Poroshenko said that he had received a lot of proposals to nominate Volodymyr Hroisman for this post, but for the sake of the country's unity he requests support for Yatseniuk.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_bloc\\_to\\_support\\_yatseniuk\\_as\\_prime\\_minister\\_on\\_one\\_condition\\_326920](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_bloc_to_support_yatseniuk_as_prime_minister_on_one_condition_326920)

### **Merkel, Hollande, Putin welcome gas agreements, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. French President Francois Hollande, Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have welcomed the gas agreements reached between Ukraine, Russia and the EU, the press service of the Ukrainian president has reported. "During a phone conversation, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, French President Francois Hollande, Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel welcomed the gas agreements reached between Ukraine, Russia and the European Union," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel\\_hollande\\_putin\\_welcome\\_gas\\_agreements\\_326922](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_hollande_putin_welcome_gas_agreements_326922)

### **OSCE outraged at Porechenkov's shooting in helmet 'Press', 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Dunja Mijatovic has called disgraceful and dangerous the use of insignia "Press" by Russian actor Mikhail Porechenkov who fired in Donetsk at the positions of Ukrainian forces in a helmet with the inscription "Press."

"Disgraceful and dangerous abuse of PRESS insignia! Journalists are not combatants," Mijatovic wrote on Twitter.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce\\_outraged\\_at\\_porechenkovs\\_shooting\\_in\\_helmet\\_press\\_326923](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_outraged_at_porechenkovs_shooting_in_helmet_press_326923)

### **PACE not to recognize legitimacy of so-called elections in DPR and LPR, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will not recognize the legitimacy of the so-called elections in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR).

PACE President Anne Brasseur made such a statement on Friday.

"I deplore the decision of the self-appointed authorities of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics to hold 'parliamentary elections' and 'presidential elections' on November 2, 2014. They are in violation of the Minsk Protocol signed on September 5 and will hinder the implementation of the already fragile peace agreement. They are illegitimate and will not be recognized by the Assembly," she said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pace\\_not\\_to\\_recognize\\_legitimacy\\_of\\_so\\_called\\_elections\\_in\\_dpr\\_and\\_lpr\\_326924](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pace_not_to_recognize_legitimacy_of_so_called_elections_in_dpr_and_lpr_326924)

## **Actions of Ukrainian Authorities**

### **Government suspends Musiy as Ukraine's health minister, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian government has suspended Ukrainian Health Minister Oleh Musiy from office and dismissed his first deputy, Ruslan Saliutin. Such a decision was taken at a government meeting on Wednesday, the prime minister's press secretary, Olha Lapo, said, according to a Ukrinform correspondent.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government\\_suspends\\_musiy\\_as\\_ukraines\\_health\\_minister\\_326389](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_suspends_musiy_as_ukraines_health_minister_326389)

### **Cabinet denounces agreement with Russia on Kerch Strait, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting on Wednesday decided to terminate the agreement with the Russian Federation on joint actions on organization of construction of the transport crossing through the Kerch Strait.

This was stated by Minister of the Cabinet Ostap Semerak after the government meeting, a Ukrinform correspondent reports

"Subject to the provisions of this agreement, we had to send a diplomatic message six months before the date of termination. We did it, and now completely calmly denounced the agreement today," Semerak said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet\\_denounces\\_agreement\\_with\\_russia\\_on\\_kerch\\_strait\\_326398](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cabinet_denounces_agreement_with_russia_on_kerch_strait_326398)

### **Poroshenko dismisses top State Border Service officials, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has dismissed Army General Mykola Lytvyn as head of the State Border Service of Ukraine.

A decree to that effect has been posted on the website of the head of state

The president also dismissed First Deputy Head of the State Border Service, Director of the Department of State Border Protection, Colonel General Pavlo Shysholin.

Under another decree, the head of state appointed Lieutenant General Viktor Nazarenko as first deputy chairman of the State Border Service of Ukraine and director of the Department of State Border Protection.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_dismisses\\_top\\_state\\_border\\_service\\_officials\\_326488](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_top_state_border_service_officials_326488)

### **Parliament changes administrative system of Luhansk region, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has adopted two draft resolutions on amendments to the administrative and territorial system of Luhansk region, which were filed by Ukrainian MP Hennadiy Moskal.

MPs had voted for a draft resolution on changes to the administrative and territorial system of Luhansk region, changes on setting the borders of Novoaidar and Slovianoserbsk districts in Luhansk region, as well as Perevalsk and Popasna districts.

Both resolutions received 236 votes in favor.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament\\_changes\\_administrative\\_system\\_of\\_luhansk\\_region\\_326490](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament_changes_administrative_system_of_luhansk_region_326490)

### **CEC registers 310 foreign observers, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Central Election Commission (CEC) has registered another 55 official observers from international organizations and foreign embassies in Ukraine in early elections for the Verkhovna Rada.

The commission made relevant decisions at a meeting on Monday evening, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

CEC registered 19 observers from the Embassy of Denmark, 12 from the Embassy of Poland, 17 from the International Expert Center for Electoral Systems (ICES) and seven from the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

As of October 6, CEC has granted the status of official observers in early parliamentary elections in Ukraine to 310 representatives of foreign states and international organizations.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec\\_registers\\_310\\_foreign\\_observers\\_326476](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec_registers_310_foreign_observers_326476)



### **Parliament votes for creation of anti-corruption bureau, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian lawmakers have adopted at first reading a draft law on the system of specially authorized entities in combating corruption.

A total of 278 MPs voted for this decision on Tuesday, Ukrinform's correspondent reported. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov said that presidential bill No. 5085 would be the first issue considered on October 14. The speaker expressed hope that it would be finally adopted on October 14.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament\\_votes\\_for\\_creation\\_of\\_anti\\_corruption\\_bureau\\_326485](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament_votes_for_creation_of_anti_corruption_bureau_326485)

### **Poroshenko appoints one more presidential advisor, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Ihor Smeshko as his advisor.

A decree to that effect has been posted on the website of the head of state.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_appoints\\_one\\_more\\_presidential\\_advisor\\_326513](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_appoints_one_more_presidential_advisor_326513)

### **Umansky becomes first deputy finance minister, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting on Wednesday appointed former Acting Finance Minister (2009-2010) Ihor Umansky First Deputy Finance Minister. Umansky wrote on Facebook about this.

"Took such a decision! Even knowing that the elections will be soon and a new coalition, and the new government. If there is possibility not only to advise as an "independent expert," but to try and do something, it is necessary to take and do," he commented on his appointment this way.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/umansky\\_becomes\\_first\\_deputy\\_finance\\_minister\\_326526](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/umansky_becomes_first_deputy_finance_minister_326526)

### **President signs lustration law, 09.10.2014**

President Petro Poroshenko has signed a law on rooting out corruption in Ukraine's government that parliament approved on September 16.

The Presidential Administration announced the signing of the law in a posting on its Web site.

"The law sets out the legal and organizational framework for investigating civil servants and persons with equivalent authorities, and local government officials, in order to restore public trust in the government and to create conditions for the construction of a new system of government in accordance with European standards," the posting on the administration's Web site reads.

A total of 231 MPs voted on September 16 to approve the law on lustration.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/994154-president-signs-lustration-law.html>

### **CEC registers over 500 foreign observers, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Central Election Commission (CEC) has registered another 106 official observers from international organizations and foreign states for early parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec\\_registers\\_over\\_500\\_foreign\\_observers\\_326545](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec_registers_over_500_foreign_observers_326545)

### **Deshchytsia appointed Ukraine's ambassador to Poland, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed new ambassadors to Poland, France and Saudi Arabia.

The decrees to that effect were posted on the website of the head of state on Monday.

In particular, former Foreign Minister Andriy Deshchytsia was appointed Ukraine's ambassador to Poland.

Oleh Shamshur, who served as ambassador to the United States in 2005-2010, was appointed Ukraine's ambassador to France.

Vadym Vakhrushev will represent Ukraine's interests in Saudi Arabia.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deshchytsia\\_appointed\\_ukraines\\_ambassador\\_to\\_poland\\_326589](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deshchytsia_appointed_ukraines_ambassador_to_poland_326589)

### **Poroshenko dismisses Heletei as Ukraine's defense minister, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has dismissed Valeriy Heletei as Ukraine's defense minister, the presidential press service has reported.

"The president satisfied a report on the resignation of the defense minister and will table in parliament on Monday a motion on the appointment of the new defense minister," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_dismisses\\_heletei\\_as\\_ukraines\\_defense\\_minister\\_326576](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_heletei_as_ukraines_defense_minister_326576)

### **Ukrainian president nominates new defense minister, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has tabled for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada a motion nominating Stepan Poltorak for the post of Ukraine's defense minister, the presidential press service has reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_president\\_nominates\\_new\\_defense\\_minister\\_326587](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_president_nominates_new_defense_minister_326587)

### **Ukrainians will celebrate Defender of Motherland Day on feast of Intercession of Holy Virgin, 14.10.2014**

KYIV, October 14 /Ukrinform/. President Petro Poroshenko cancelled celebration of the Defender of Motherland Day on February 23.

A relevant decree is posted on the website of the head of state.

"In order to honor the courage and heroism of the defenders of independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, military traditions and achievements of the Ukrainian people, for promoting further strengthening of the patriotic spirit in the society and to support the public initiatives to resolve to establish in Ukraine a holiday - the Day of Defender of Ukraine, which should be celebrated annually on October 14," the document says.

Kuchma's decree of February 23, 1999, is declared null and void.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians\\_will\\_celebrate\\_defender\\_of\\_motherland\\_day\\_on\\_feast\\_of\\_intercession\\_of\\_holy\\_virgin\\_326592](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians_will_celebrate_defender_of_motherland_day_on_feast_of_intercession_of_holy_virgin_326592)

### **Rada approves Poltorak as defense chief, 14.10.2014**

The Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, on Tuesday approved Ukrainian Petro Poroshenko's pick for the new defense minister of Ukraine – Stepan Poltorak. The president's candidate garnered 245 votes in favor from MPs.

The Rada also voted to dismiss former Defense Minister Valeriy Heletei, with 293 deputies voting in favor of that resolution.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995795-rada-approves-poltorak-as-defense-chief.html>

### **Turchynov signs law on special status for some districts of Donbas, 14.10.2014**

Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada Oleksandr Turchynov has signed a law granting a special status to certain districts of Donetsk and Lugansk regions, the parliament's Web site has reported.

After signing the law, Turchynov sent the law to the president for signing. The official title of the law is "On the special order for local government in certain areas of Donetsk and Lugansk regions" (registration number 5081).

<http://www.unian.info/politics/996000-turchynov-signs-law-on-special-status-for-some-districts-of-donbas.html>

### **Poltorak ordered to draw up national security and defense strategy, 15.10.2014**

KYIV, October 15 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has instructed the Defense Ministry to prepare major strategic defense planning documents.

He said this while introducing newly appointed Defense Minister Stepan Poltorak to the staff of the Defense Ministry, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Given the current military and political situation, I am instructing the Defense Ministry to ensure the preparation of major defense planning documents," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poltorak\\_ordered\\_to\\_draw\\_up\\_national\\_security\\_and\\_defense\\_strategy\\_326631](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poltorak_ordered_to_draw_up_national_security_and_defense_strategy_326631)

### **Ukraine, several other countries join EU sanctions against Russia, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine and several other European countries that are not members of the EU have joined restrictive measures against Russia, the European External Action Service has told.

According to the report, on September 8, 2014, the EU Council decided to strengthen restrictive measures regarding Russia's access to EU financial markets. The candidate countries for EU membership - Montenegro, Iceland, Albania and Ukraine - joined this decision. They confirmed the compliance of their national policies with this decision by the EU Council, reads the report. Moreover, Ukraine, Montenegro, Iceland, Albania, Liechtenstein and Norway joined expanded EU sanctions, which foresee the freezing of assets of individuals and entities involved in encroachment on Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_several\\_other\\_countries\\_join\\_eu\\_sanctions\\_against\\_russia\\_326635](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_several_other_countries_join_eu_sanctions_against_russia_326635)

### **Poroshenko recalls eight helicopters from UN Mission, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko recalled eight helicopters from the zone of the UN Humanitarian Mission in order to send them to the ATO.

«I recalled eight modern helicopters from the zone of the UN Humanitarian Mission for their further sending to the ATO area,” Poroshenko wrote on Twitter about this.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_recalls\\_eight\\_helicopters\\_from\\_un\\_mission\\_326643](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_recalls_eight_helicopters_from_un_mission_326643)

### **Law on lustration comes into force, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. The law on the cleansing of power, which was published in the parliament's Holos Ukrainy newspaper on October 15, came into force on October 16.

The document sets out the legal and organizational principles of the procedure for depriving of power persons defined in this law, with the aim of establishing in society the supremacy of law, legality, and improving the effectiveness of the fight against corruption.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law\\_on\\_lustration\\_comes\\_into\\_force\\_326646](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_on_lustration_comes_into_force_326646)

### **First stage of lustration: Government dismisses 39 officials, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian government has made the first lustration decisions, with 39 civil servants of higher categories expected to be dismissed.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at a government meeting on Thursday.

"According to the major provision of the law of Ukraine on the cleansing of power, the Ukrainian government in general dismisses 39 individuals of higher categories. Of these, 19 people tendered their resignation, and 20 will be dismissed in accordance with lustration," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/first\\_stage\\_of\\_lustration\\_government\\_dismisses\\_39\\_officials\\_326651](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/first_stage_of_lustration_government_dismisses_39_officials_326651)

### **Poroshenko creates Council on Judicial Reform, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko signed a Decree on creation of the Council on the Judicial Reform and appointed Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Oleksiy Filatov as its coordinator, the presidential press service informs.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_creates\\_council\\_on\\_judicial\\_reform\\_326655](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_creates_council_on_judicial_reform_326655)

### **FT: Poroshenko, Putin agreed to make more efforts for ceasefire, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed to enforce a ceasefire deal to end the violence in eastern Ukraine, under heavy pressure from EU leaders at a summit in Milan, though a clear breakthrough to end the conflict remained elusive, Financial Times has reported.

The presidents also agreed on joint surveillance of the Ukrainian border with drones.

The meeting between Poroshenko and Putin involving the leaders of the EU was organized by Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi so that the Ukrainian and Russian sides could try to find a way to effectively enforce a ceasefire deal that was reached in Minsk last month. Renzo described the meeting as "really positive."

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ft\\_poroshenko\\_putin\\_agreed\\_to\\_make\\_more\\_efforts\\_for\\_ceasefire\\_326680](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ft_poroshenko_putin_agreed_to_make_more_efforts_for_ceasefire_326680)

### **Poroshenko signs law on special status of Donbas, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed the law on a special local government order in some districts in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the presidential press service has reported.

"Document No. 1680-VII defines a temporary order of local government and the activity of local authorities in certain districts in Donetsk and Luhansk regions," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_signs\\_law\\_on\\_special\\_status\\_of\\_donbas\\_326665](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_law_on_special_status_of_donbas_326665)

### **Ukrainian intelligence officers eliminate group of terrorists, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. An intelligence unit of the Ukrainian Armed Forces has eliminated a group of up to 20 terrorists.

"Yesterday a reconnaissance unit of the Ukrainian Armed Forces of eight persons, while performing work on studying the area, saw a group of up to 20 terrorists near the village of Verkhniotoretske, Yasynuvata district, Donetsk region. Terrorists immediately attacked our intelligence officers," NSDC spokesman Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_intelligence\\_officers\\_eliminate\\_group\\_of\\_terrorists\\_326678](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_intelligence_officers_eliminate_group_of_terrorists_326678)

### **Poroshenko, Merkel, Hollande continue meeting without Putin, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Following the end of a meeting in the "Norman format," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko continued a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande.

Press Secretary of the Head of state Sviatoslav Tseholko wrote on his Twitter.

"After the Norman format, Poroshenko, Merkel and Hollande continued the meeting," Tseholko wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_merkel\\_hollande\\_continue\\_meeting\\_without\\_putin\\_326684](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_merkel_hollande_continue_meeting_without_putin_326684)

### **Turchynov awards nine defenders of Donetsk Airport, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov awarded nine soldiers, who defended the Donetsk airport with firearms.

He did this on the TV channel "1+1" in the program "Bravehearts."

"This war is very difficult, but thanks to such soldiers as you, we will win," Turchynov said, handing firearms, manufactured in Ukraine, to Ukrainian patriots.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov\\_awards\\_nine\\_defenders\\_of\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326701](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_awards_nine_defenders_of_donetsk_airport_326701)

### **MPs adopt amendments to law on medicines, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Lawmakers have approved at second attempt amendments to the legislation on changing the system of registration of medicines in Ukraine.

A total of 230 MPs voted for the law introducing amendments to the law of Ukraine on medicines regarding the circulation and state control over the quality of medicines imported into the customs territory of Ukraine.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps\\_adopt\\_amendments\\_to\\_law\\_on\\_medicines\\_326711](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps_adopt_amendments_to_law_on_medicines_326711)

### **Deputies refuse to consider rights of ATO soldiers to vote at elections, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. People's deputies failed including into the agenda several bills, which envisaged granting a right to the ATO military to vote at the elections.

People's deputies did not gather the necessary 226 votes a single time.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deputies\\_refuse\\_to\\_consider\\_rights\\_of\\_ato\\_soldiers\\_to\\_vote\\_at\\_elections\\_326714](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/deputies_refuse_to_consider_rights_of_ato_soldiers_to_vote_at_elections_326714)

### **Verkhovna Rada adopts law on rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, has adopted a law on ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, which establishes guarantees for observing the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of displaced persons.

A total of 249 lawmakers voted for the law on Monday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna\\_rada\\_adopts\\_law\\_on\\_rights\\_and\\_freedoms\\_of\\_internally\\_displaced\\_persons\\_326716](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_adopts_law_on_rights_and_freedoms_of_internally_displaced_persons_326716)

### **Rada fails to table draft law on banning Russian TV series, 20.10.2014**

MPs refused to put on the agenda draft law No.4443a to amend some laws related to the protection of Ukraine's TV and radio information space, and draft law No. 4143 to amend the Broadcast Law, which defines the national audio and video product and sets the product's required percentage in TV and radio broadcasts, said an UNIAN reporter.

Each of these proposals received less than 175 votes.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/998261-rada-fails-to-table-draft-law-on-banning-russian-tv-series.html>

### **Poroshenko speaks with Putin, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko held a telephone conversation with President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

The presidential press service informs.

They noted that the conversation was held "due to energy consultations in Brussels."

The President of Ukraine and the President of Russia, in particular, stressed the need to ensure a regime of complete ceasefire and the artillery silence.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_speaks\\_with\\_putin\\_326751](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_speaks_with_putin_326751)

### **President signs law on financial support for Deposit Guarantee Fund, 21.10.2014**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a law to provide financial support for the Deposit Guarantee Fund, the presidential press office reported on Monday.

The law, entitled "On Amendments to Article 231 of the Law of Ukraine On State Budget of Ukraine for 2014," permits the Cabinet of Ministers to issue T-bills to exchange for Deposit Guarantee Fund promissory notes that back accounts held by individuals.

<http://www.unian.info/economics/998574-president-signs-law-on-financial-support-for-deposit-guarantee-fund.html>

### **Poroshenko appoints Nazarenko border chief, 23.10.2014**

The Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko is to appoint Viktor Nazarenko head of the State Border Service.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/999943-poroshenko-appoints-nazarenko-border-chief.html>

### **Ukrainian president signs anti-corruption laws, 23.10.2014**

KYIV, October 23 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed anti-corruption laws - on the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, on preventing corruption, on the principles of state anti-corruption policy in Ukraine (Anti-Corruption Strategy) for 2014-2017, and on the introduction of amendments to some legislative acts on determining the final beneficiaries of legal persons and public figures, the presidential press service has reported.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_president\\_signs\\_anti\\_corruption\\_laws\\_326768](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_president_signs_anti_corruption_laws_326768)

### **Bohatyriova declared wanted, her property arrested, 24.10.2014**

The Prosecutor General's Office announced a search for former Vice Prime Minister - Minister of Health Raisa Bohatyriova and arrested her property, reports the PGO press service.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bohatyriova\\_declared\\_wanted\\_her\\_property\\_arrested\\_326793](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bohatyriova_declared_wanted_her_property_arrested_326793)

### **UKRAINIANS ELECTING NEW PARLIAMENT, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian citizens are electing people's deputies who, under the law, are obliged to represent their interests in the Verkhovna Rada of the eighth convocation.

Polling stations in Ukraine opened at 08.00.

Early parliamentary elections are held under a mixed electoral system: 225 candidates will become MPs on party lists and the remaining 225 will be elected at constituencies. However, due to an undeclared war in the east of Ukraine, a number of parliamentary seats will remain vacant because of the impossibility of holding the elections in some districts. However, the Verkhovna Rada will be legitimate as two-thirds of its members will be elected. According to the Central Election Commission, the elections could be held at 13 of the 21 constituencies in Donetsk region and at five of the 11 constituencies in Luhansk region.



A total of 3,468 candidates running for MP at single-seat constituencies have been registered, including 2,087 self-nominees and 1,381 nominated by parties. As many as 3,122 candidates from 29 parties will stand for parliament on party lists.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians\\_electing\\_new\\_parliament\\_326804](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians_electing_new_parliament_326804)

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/almost\\_20\\_of\\_polling\\_stations\\_opened\\_earlier\\_or\\_later\\_opora\\_326815](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/almost_20_of_polling_stations_opened_earlier_or_later_opora_326815)

### **Another 21 hostages released from captivity, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. Twenty-one more hostages, among them a human rights activist, six soldiers and 14 civilians, have been released from the captivity of terrorists.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko wrote this on his Twitter page on Monday.

"Twenty-one people have been released from captivity. Among them are human rights activist Oleksandr Kudinov, six soldiers and 14 civilians," he wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another\\_21\\_hostages\\_released\\_from\\_captivity\\_326844](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_21_hostages_released_from_captivity_326844)

### **Yarosh wins in his electoral district, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Right Sector Party leader Dmytro Yarosh has won the parliamentary elections at single-member electoral district No. 39 in Dnipropetrovsk region with 100% of ballots counted, according to the website of the Central Election Commission.

Yarosh collected 29.76%, or 20,719 votes. Self-nominee Maria Pustova won 13.5% of the vote, Batkivshchyna candidate Mher Kuyumchian garnered 10.41% of the vote.

With 87.71% of ballots counted in Ukraine's early parliamentary elections, Right Sector gains 1.81% of the vote and does not enter the Verkhovna Rada

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yarosh\\_wins\\_in\\_his\\_electoral\\_district\\_326859](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yarosh_wins_in_his_electoral_district_326859)

### **Eleven more hostages released from captivity, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Seven servicemen, three volunteers and a human rights activist have been released from captivity.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko reported this on Twitter.

"Good news has just been reported regarding the release of seven servicemen of the 80th airborne brigade, three volunteers and a human rights activist," Poroshenko wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eleven\\_more\\_hostages\\_released\\_from\\_captivity\\_326863](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eleven_more_hostages_released_from_captivity_326863)

### **CEC counts nearly 98% of votes: People's Front ahead of Poroshenko Bloc, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The Central Election Commission has processed 97.74% of electronic protocols from precinct election commissions as of 05.15 on Wednesday, according to the commission's website.

The People's Front, which won 22.18% of the vote (3,424,417 votes), holds the lead, whereas the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko is second, with 21.82% of the vote (3,368,328 votes).

Samopomich Union is third, with 11.01% of the vote (1,700,326 votes).

The Opposition Bloc (9.35%, or 1,444,250 votes), Oleh Liashko's Radical Party (7.44%, or 1,149,468 votes) and Batkivshchyna All-Ukrainian Union (5.69%, 878,341 votes) also win parliamentary seats. Svoboda does not overcome the 5% electoral threshold, garnering 4.72% of the vote (729,626 votes).

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec\\_counts\\_nearly\\_98\\_of\\_votes\\_peoples\\_front\\_ahead\\_of\\_poroshenko\\_bloc\\_326871](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/cec_counts_nearly_98_of_votes_peoples_front_ahead_of_poroshenko_bloc_326871)

### **Bloc of Petro Poroshenko proposes coalition agreement for discussion, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko has published a draft coalition agreement.

The agreement, which was posted on the website [solydarnist.org](http://solydarnist.org), envisages the obligations of coalition members.

"We submitted this document to the People's Front political party and the Samopomich Union political party. We are publishing a draft coalition agreement for public discussion," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bloc\\_of\\_petro\\_poroshenko\\_proposes\\_coalition\\_agreement\\_for\\_discussion\\_326875](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bloc_of_petro_poroshenko_proposes_coalition_agreement_for_discussion_326875)

### **Poroshenko dismisses three ambassadors, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has dismissed Ukraine's ambassadors to Latvia, Moldova and Canada.

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

In particular, the head of state dismissed Anatoliy Oliynyk as Ukraine's ambassador to Latvia, Serhiy Pyrozhkov as Ukraine's ambassador to Moldova, and Vadym Prystaiko as Ukraine's ambassador to Canada and as Ukraine's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_dismisses\\_three\\_ambassadors\\_326877](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_dismisses_three_ambassadors_326877)

### **222 officials included in lustration register, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The names of 222 dismissed officials have currently been published in a lustration register of the Ukrainian Justice Ministry, according to the ministry's website.

As of October 28, 2014, the lustration register included the names of 179 dismissed officials. Among those included in the list on October 28 are mainly officers of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU).

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/222\\_officials\\_included\\_in\\_lustration\\_register\\_326878](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/222_officials_included_in_lustration_register_326878)

### **Yatseniuk invites Poroshenko Bloc, Batkivshchyna, Samopomich, Radical Party to coalition, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister and People's Front leader Arseniy Yatseniuk has presented to journalists his draft agreement on the creation of a coalition in the future parliament. He sees the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko as a major strategic partner and also invites Batkivshchyna, Samopomich and Oleh Liashko's Radical Party to negotiations.

He said this at a press conference on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"I am appealing, first and foremost, to the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko, because I regard the block and personally the president as a major strategic partner in implementing changes in the country. The responsibility for the country's fate now rests with the president and the party that won the first place in these parliamentary elections," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk\\_invites\\_poroshenko\\_bloc\\_batkivshchyna\\_samopomich\\_radical\\_party\\_to\\_coalition\\_326880](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_invites_poroshenko_bloc_batkivshchyna_samopomich_radical_party_to_coalition_326880)

### **Poroshenko Bloc proposes creating coalition council, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko offers a draft coalition agreement to other democratic forces that entered parliament.

The text of the agreement has been posted on the website of the bloc.

The document, which includes 48 pages, was proposed to other democratic forces for discussion.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko\\_bloc\\_proposes\\_creating\\_coalition\\_council\\_326881](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_bloc_proposes_creating_coalition_council_326881)

### **With 99% of votes counted, Svoboda does not enter parliament, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Central Election Commission (CEC) has processed 99% of electronic protocols from precinct election commissions as of 16.35, according to the commission's website.

The People's Front remains in first place, with 22.17% of the vote. The Bloc of Petro Poroshenko goes second, with 21.81% of the vote. Samopomich is third, with 10.99%.

Winning parliamentary seats are also the Opposition Bloc (9.38%), the Radical Party (7.44%) and Batkivshchyna (5.68%).

Svoboda lacks 0.3% to overcome the 5% electoral threshold - the party has currently won 4.71% of the vote.

The Communist Party of Ukraine collected 3.86% of the vote, Anatoliy Hrytsenko's Civil Position Party - 3.11%, and Serhiy Tihipko's Strong Ukraine Party - 3.1%.

The remaining 19 parties gained less than 3%.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/with\\_99\\_of\\_votes\\_counted\\_svoboda\\_does\\_not\\_enter\\_parliament\\_326888](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/with_99_of_votes_counted_svoboda_does_not_enter_parliament_326888)

### **State budget for 2015 should be adopted by December 30 - Poroshenko Bloc, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. A draft coalition agreement proposed by the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko establishes the schedule for the submission to parliament of a draft law on Ukraine's state budget for 2015 and its adoption.

The document has been published on the bloc's website [solydarnist.org](http://solydarnist.org).

According to the document, the Cabinet of Ministers should submit the draft law on Ukraine's state budget for 2015 to the Verkhovna Rada by December 15, 2014. The budget must comply with the program of the International Monetary Fund.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state\\_budget\\_for\\_2015\\_should\\_be\\_adopted\\_by\\_december\\_30\\_poroshenko\\_bloc\\_326884](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state_budget_for_2015_should_be_adopted_by_december_30_poroshenko_bloc_326884)

### **Government approves draft trilateral gas protocol, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers has approved a draft protocol of a trilateral meeting between Ukraine, Russia and the EU on Russian gas supplies to Ukraine. Ukrainian Deputy Energy and Coal Industry Minister Vadym Ulyda told this to reporters on Thursday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"Yes, we have approved the protocol. It contains everything mentioned by the premier, without any amendments," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government\\_approves\\_draft\\_trilateral\\_gas\\_protocol\\_326903](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_approves_draft_trilateral_gas_protocol_326903)

### **Ukraine, EU, Russia agree on gas supply in winter season, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine, the EU and Russia have completed negotiations on temporary conditions of Russian natural gas supply in the winter season, Ukrinform's correspondent in Brussels has reported.

The negotiators reached agreement by signing two documents: a trilateral protocol between the governments of Ukraine, Russia and the European Commission, and an additional agreement to the contract between NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine and OJSC Gazprom.

The documents were signed by Energy and Coal Industry Minister Yuriy Prodan on behalf of the Ukrainian government and by Naftogaz CEO Andriy Kobolev on behalf of Naftogaz.

The arrangements will be in effect until March 31, 2015.

Gazprom said earlier that Ukraine and Russia had agreed on a temporary gas price.

"The price of gas for Ukraine has been agreed at \$378 per 1,000 cubic meters in the fourth quarter of 2014 and at \$365 per 1,000 cubic meters in the first quarter of 2015," the Russian company said on Twitter on Thursday.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_eu\\_russia\\_agree\\_on\\_gas\\_supply\\_in\\_winter\\_season\\_326908](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_eu_russia_agree_on_gas_supply_in_winter_season_326908)

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_agrees\\_to\\_lower\\_gas\\_price\\_for\\_ukraine\\_326905](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_agrees_to_lower_gas_price_for_ukraine_326905)

### **Yatseniuk orders payment for Russian gas, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Finance Ministry, the National Bank of Ukraine and Naftogaz of Ukraine will start paying for Russian natural gas.

Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk made a respective instruction at a meeting of the anti-crisis energy headquarters on Friday.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk\\_orders\\_payment\\_for\\_russian\\_gas\\_326921](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_orders_payment_for_russian_gas_326921)

### **Criminal case opened against Porechenkov, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Interior Ministry has instituted criminal proceedings against Russian actor Mikhail Porechenkov, who personally took part in the shelling of a Ukrainian Armed Forces unit with a heavy machine gun in Donetsk. Porechenkov is facing imprisonment for a term of 7 to 12 years.

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

"The Interior Ministry's investigative department opened criminal proceedings against actor Mikhail Porechenkov under Part 4, Article 260 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine," Avakov wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/criminal\\_case\\_opened\\_against\\_porechenkov\\_326914](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/criminal_case_opened_against_porechenkov_326914)

## **Terrorism / Separatism**

### **Situation tense in Debaltseve, Nikishyne and Shchastia, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Separatist fighters and Russian troops made over attacks on the positions of Ukrainian troops with tube and rocket artillery, small arms, tanks and mortars, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has reported.

"In the combat zone in Donbas the situation remains very tense near Donetsk, Debaltseve, Ridkodub, Nikishyne, Krasnohorivka, and Shchastia," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation\\_tense\\_in\\_debaltseve\\_nikishyne\\_and\\_shchastia\\_326375](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_tense_in_debaltseve_nikishyne_and_shchastia_326375)

### **Russia carrying to terrorists chevrons of new "republic" - "KPR", 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. "Delivery of chevrons of the "Kharkiv People's Republic" to the "LPR" staff was recorded," Information Resistance group coordinator Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

Tymchuk also said that the "DPR" dramatically intensified a process of issuing Russian passports. "First of all, pensioners are provided with them," he explains.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_carrying\\_to\\_terrorists\\_chevrons\\_of\\_new\\_republic\\_kpr\\_326376](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_carrying_to_terrorists_chevrons_of_new_republic_kpr_326376)

### **Russia launches airborne division in Donbas, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. During the last day, transfer of units of the 76th landing-assault division of the Air Forces of Russia was fixed near the city of Stakhanov, Luhansk region. Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk informs about this.

"Russian paratroopers are moving by groups of up to 10 people on special vehicles. During the previous day, the activity of Russian EW plants is recorded in the area that jammed mobile communications," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_launches\\_airborne\\_division\\_in\\_donbas\\_326377](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_launches_airborne_division_in_donbas_326377)

### **Militants shell Popasna with Grad rockets, one civilian killed, three injured, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continued to shell the units of Ukrainian security forces as of the morning on October 1, using Grad rockets, the ATO press center reported.

"Last night, uncontrolled armed groups shelled the positions of the Ukrainian military. Our units came under mortar fire near the settlements of Shchastia, Frunze, Krasnohorivka, Chornukhyne and Olkhovatka," reads the statement.

One resident of Popasna was killed and three more injured as a result of yesterday's shelling of the town by militants with Grad rockets.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_shell\\_popasna\\_with\\_grad\\_rockets\\_one\\_civilian\\_killed\\_three\\_injured\\_326378](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_popasna_with_grad_rockets_one_civilian_killed_three_injured_326378)

### **Russia deploys 27 tanks to Debaltseve, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Appearance of 27 Russian tanks was recorded near Debaltseve. Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk writes on Facebook.

"According to available data, in the area of Debaltseve, appearance of 27 tanks of the Russian-terrorist forces was recorded," he wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_deploys\\_27\\_tanks\\_to\\_debaltseve\\_326379](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_deploys_27_tanks_to_debaltseve_326379)

### **Militants shelling Russians and from time to time - one another, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Donbas militants fire at the bases of deployment of the Russian army units and arrange shootouts between themselves.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk says.

"Skirmishes continue between different militant groups, as well as attacks at units of the Russian Federation army. Similar cases have been registered in the area of Donetsk (settlement of Frunze, the area of the Russian troops' base), Dokuchayevsk, Krasny Luch (between local militants and Russian Cossacks). During the shootings heavy weapons are used," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_shelling\\_russians\\_and\\_from\\_time\\_to\\_time\\_one\\_another\\_326382](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shelling_russians_and_from_time_to_time_one_another_326382)

### **Shell hits bus stop in Donetsk, eight people killed, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. A shell hit a bus stop on Kyivsky Avenue in Donetsk early on Wednesday, killing eight people, eyewitnesses have reported.

The shell was probably launched from a multiple launch rocket system.

Most of the victims were standing at the bus stop when the shell exploded, and some were riding on a bus, which burned to the ground.

As reported, intense fighting is ongoing near the airport in Donetsk, and the nearby Kyivsky and Kuibyshevsky districts of the city are also under fire.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shell\\_hits\\_bus\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_eight\\_people\\_killed\\_326385](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shell_hits_bus_stop_in_donetsk_eight_people_killed_326385)

### **Two killed as shell explodes near school in Donetsk, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Two persons have been killed near School No. 57 in the Kyivsky district of Donetsk as a result of a shell explosion, a Ukrinform correspondent has reported, citing the city department of education.

"The shell exploded a few meters from the building, the school's windows were smashed, but children were not injured. However, two people who were at the epicenter of the explosion were killed," the department said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_killed\\_as\\_shell\\_explodes\\_near\\_school\\_in\\_donetsk\\_326386](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_killed_as_shell_explodes_near_school_in_donetsk_326386)

### **Number of those killed near school and at bus stop in Donetsk specified, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Ten people were killed in Donetsk on Wednesday, October 1, after one shell hit a bus and another exploded near School No. 57 in the city's Kyivsky district.

The specified data on those killed and injured were released by the press service of the Donetsk Regional State Administration.

"A shell exploded five meters from the building of the educational institution. There were 238 people, including 70 children and 28 teachers, at that moment. Four people were killed, and eight more sustained various injuries, and seven of them were taken to hospital. Schoolchildren were not hurt. The debris damaged windows on the first and second floors of the school building," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/number\\_of\\_those\\_killed\\_near\\_school\\_and\\_at\\_bus\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_specified\\_326394](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/number_of_those_killed_near_school_and_at_bus_stop_in_donetsk_specified_326394)

### **Terrorists surrounding Mariupol: 100 militants arrive in Novoazovsk, 01.10.2014**

KYIV, October 1 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue activities in the border regions and carry out redeployment of the personnel, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine press center informs.

"All local terrorists from Novoazovsk are redeployed to roadblocks closer to Mariupol. More than 100 militants arrived in Novoazovsk to replace them, who passed complex combat exercises before that," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_surrounding\\_mariupol\\_100\\_militants\\_arrive\\_in\\_novoazovsk\\_326397](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_surrounding_mariupol_100_militants_arrive_in_novoazovsk_326397)

### **Militants begin massive assault on Donetsk airport, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists began a massive assault on the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces at the Donetsk airport early this morning.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page.

"A new massive assault on the positions of our troops deployed at the Donetsk airport began at 06.00," he wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_begin\\_massive\\_assault\\_on\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326402](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_begin_massive_assault_on_donetsk_airport_326402)

### **One serviceman killed, 18 injured in Donbas over past day, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. One Ukrainian serviceman has been killed in the combat zone in eastern Ukraine over the past 24 hours.

"At a checkpoint located near the western outskirts of the settlement of Mius, a military patrol hit an RGD-5 grenade. The explosion killed one soldier," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one\\_serviceman\\_killed\\_18\\_injured\\_in\\_donbas\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_326410](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_serviceman_killed_18_injured_in_donbas_over_past_day_326410)



### **Terrorists kill nine civilians in Donetsk, 02.10.2014**

KYIV, October 2 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists shelled residential areas in Donetsk with Grad rockets on October 1, thus killing nine civilians and injuring another 30.

"Shells hit a shuttle bus, school building No. 57 and a public transport stop. As a result of this shelling, nine civilians were killed and 30 were injured. A shell also damaged a two-story apartment building No. 439 on Kirov Street," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_kill\\_nine\\_civilians\\_in\\_donetsk\\_326411](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_kill_nine_civilians_in_donetsk_326411)

### **Attacks on Donetsk airport repelled, militants retreat with losses, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. Militants have repeatedly tried to storm the Donetsk airport in the past 24 hours, but attacks were successfully repelled by Ukrainian government forces, and the enemy retreated with losses, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has said.

"In the past 24 hours Russian-terrorist forces five times tried to storm the strongholds of Ukrainian troops near the settlements of Starohnativka, Nevelske and Popasna and two times the Donetsk airport. Attacks were successfully repulsed, and the enemy retreated with losses," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/attacks\\_on\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_repelled\\_militants\\_retreat\\_with\\_losses\\_326418](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/attacks_on_donetsk_airport_repelled_militants_retreat_with_losses_326418)

### **Militants continue receiving Grad rocket launchers and howitzers from Russia, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists in Donbas continue receiving Grad rocket launchers and howitzers from Russia.

"In the area of the settlement Olhinka, Dokuchayevsk, Novotroyitsk continues concentration of the impact task force of the Russian-terrorist forces. The following arms were received over four recent days: four MLRS BM-21 Grad and two six-gun battery howitzers D-30. Also, arrival of the automated control artillery fire system 1V12-3 Machine-M was fixed, and the Russian mobile command observation post 1V126 Kapustnik-B," Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook te.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_continue\\_receiving\\_grad\\_rocket\\_launchers\\_and\\_howitzers\\_from\\_russia\\_326420](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_continue_receiving_grad_rocket_launchers_and_howitzers_from_russia_326420)

### **Russia already arranges commandant's offices in Donbas, 03.10.2014**

KYIV, October 3 /Ukrinform/. The Russian command already manages in Donbas, organizing commandant's offices. Information Resistance group Head Dmytro Tymchuk writes on FB.

"The Russian command is trying to organize activities of the military commandant's service on the territories, controlled by terrorists in Luhansk and Donetsk regions. Commandants are being organized, whose main task at this stage is to control transport routes," Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_already\\_arranges\\_commandants\\_offices\\_in\\_donbas\\_326421](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_already_arranges_commandants_offices_in_donbas_326421)

### **Ukrainian positions come under fire three times in past 24 hours, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. Russian-supported militants stormed positions of the Ukrainian ATO forces three times in the past 24 hours, the ATO press center reported on Facebook.

"In the past 24 hours militants stormed Ukrainian military positions at the Donetsk airport, in Pavlopil and Nikishyne," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_positions\\_come\\_under\\_fire\\_three\\_times\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_326446](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_positions_come_under_fire_three_times_in_past_24_hours_326446)

### **Ukrainian troops kill 12 terrorists who attacked Donetsk airport, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops in the past 24 hours repelled all attacks by terrorists on the Donetsk airport and killed 12 terrorists.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing in Kyiv on Friday.

"The Donetsk airport remains a priority goal for terrorists. Militants resorted to several unsuccessful attempts to assault the airport, and then they continued to shell it. Our troops repulsed all attacks and killed another 12 terrorists," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_troops\\_kill\\_12\\_terrorists\\_who\\_attacked\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326453](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_kill_12_terrorists_who_attacked_donetsk_airport_326453)

### **UN: Over 3,600 people killed in Donbas conflict, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. A total of 3,627 people have been killed (including 298 from flight MH17) and 8,447 more have been wounded since the beginning of the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine as of September 30, according to a new report issued by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, BBC Russian has reported.

According to UN, some 5.1 million people live in conflict-affected areas, 379,059 moved to other regions in Ukraine, and more than 426,995 fled to neighboring countries.

The report says that although more than three weeks have passed since the September 5 ceasefire agreement, serious ceasefire violations are reported daily and shelling has intensified in parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un\\_over\\_3600\\_people\\_killed\\_in\\_donbas\\_conflict\\_326452](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_over_3600_people_killed_in_donbas_conflict_326452)

### **International mission starts delimiting Donbas buffer zone, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. An international mission consisting of representatives of Ukraine, Russia and OSCE on Saturday began the work on the delimitation of a buffer zone in Donbas, reads a statement posted on the website of Mariupol City Council.

"On October 4, the international mission begins its work in Mariupol," reads the statement.

The international mission on the delimitation of the buffer zone arrived in Mariupol late on October 2. The group includes representatives of Ukraine, Russia and OSCE. The mission's objectives are defining the borders of a 30-kilometer buffer zone that will separate the conflicting parties in accordance with the agreements reached in Minsk.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/international\\_mission\\_starts\\_delimiting\\_donbas\\_buffer\\_zone\\_326454](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/international_mission_starts_delimiting_donbas_buffer_zone_326454)

### **Donetsk airport attacked twice, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, terrorists made more than 50 attacks on the ATO forces. In particular, they tried to attack the Donetsk airport twice.

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

"Assault actions and combat clashes were reported in the area of settlements of Nikyshyne and Popasna. All terrorist attacks were successfully repulsed," he added.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk\\_airport\\_attacked\\_twice\\_326456](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_airport_attacked_twice_326456)

### **3,000 Russian military fighting in Donbas - Tymchuk, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. 3,000 Russian military stay on the territory of Donbas today.

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

"Rotation of Russian forces continues in Donbas. According to our estimates, today, there are about 3,000 Russian military on the territory of Donbas," he said.

Tymchuk added that Russia concentrates its army in the area of Dokuchayevsk- Novotroyitsk-Olhinka and Novoazovsk-Kominternove. "Units dislocated here earlier are strengthened with armored vehicles and artillery, secret concentration of the reserves continues on these directions," he added.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/3000\\_russian\\_military\\_fighting\\_in\\_donbas\\_tymchuk\\_326458](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/3000_russian_military_fighting_in_donbas_tymchuk_326458)

### **NSDC sums up results of truce, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. The truce allowed releasing the hostages, rotating personnel, restoring military equipment and getting support of the international community.

Spokesman of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko told the preliminary results of the Minsk agreements at a press conference, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We do not give a high praise, but we can make preliminary conclusions that from September 5, when a ceasefire was declared, a few hundred of our soldiers and civilians were released. In addition, we were able to recover military vehicles and receive the new ones, and to launch defense industry enterprises with a new rhythm of work. Also, we were able to redeploy the forces, to carry out intelligence work, to get more information about the enemy, to complete the third wave of mobilization and to replace those units that needed this, and to allow the military to relax after exhausting battles and to bring themselves back to normal," Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc\\_sums\\_up\\_results\\_of\\_truce\\_326468](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_sums_up_results_of_truce_326468)

### **ATO forces kill four militants, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military killed four terrorists over a day.

"Over a day, Ukrainian units destroyed the truck Ural and four militants," ATO press center informs in Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato\\_forces\\_kill\\_four\\_militants\\_326459](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_kill_four_militants_326459)

### **Five Ukrainian troops killed in past 24 hours, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. "Five Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the past 24 hours as a result of shelling. The number of those wounded is being specified," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/five\\_ukrainian\\_troops\\_killed\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_326492](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/five_ukrainian_troops_killed_in_past_24_hours_326492)

### **Militants continue shelling Donetsk airport, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue shelling the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces at the Donetsk airport, the ATO press center has reported on its Facebook page.

"Militants do not stop attempts to assault the Donetsk airport and continue shelling the positions of our troops on its territory," the report says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_continue\\_shelling\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326475](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_continue_shelling_donetsk_airport_326475)

### **Debaltseve under fire of militants, TPP shelled in Shchastia, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists do not stop shelling positions and checkpoints of the ATO forces. The most tense situation remains near Debaltseve.

"A tense situation is in the area near Debaltseve, the highest shelling of our positions falls on this district," a statement of the ATO press center reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/debaltseve\\_under\\_fire\\_of\\_militants\\_tpp\\_shelled\\_in\\_shchastia\\_326477](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/debaltseve_under_fire_of_militants_tpp_shelled_in_shchastia_326477)

### **Terrorists in panic in Donetsk: 427 terrorists killed at airport over weekend, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. More than 400 terrorists were killed in a battle for the Donetsk airport in recent days.

Representative of the special purpose regiment Azov Andriy Dzyndzia wrote on Facebook.

"The terrorists are in panic in Donetsk. The morgue counted 427 terrorists, who were brought from the airport, and that's just for the weekend. Motorola soldiers, who are injured and stay in a hospital, say that they are betrayed and today will be their last fight. Fighters also tell that their commander betrayed, left the airport, and fled to hand out autographs on the occasion of six months of the "DPR," Dzyndzia wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_in\\_panic\\_in\\_donetsk\\_427\\_terrorists\\_killed\\_at\\_airport\\_over\\_weekend\\_326479](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_in_panic_in_donetsk_427_terrorists_killed_at_airport_over_weekend_326479)

### **Terrorists mining roads in Donbas, 07.10.2014**

KYIV, October 7 /Ukrinform/. Uncontrolled armed groups are mining roads in Donbas.

The ATO press center announced on its Facebook page.

"Uncontrolled armed groups set bombs on the roads, by which columns of military equipment and civilian cars move," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_mining\\_roads\\_in\\_donbas\\_326480](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_mining_roads_in_donbas_326480)

### **Terrorists kill three civilians in Donetsk, injure four, and murdered three servicemen in the ATO area, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. Three civilians have been killed and four more have been injured in Donetsk after terrorists shelled the city.

"Terrorists shelled the Kyivsky and Kuibyshevsky districts of Donetsk, killing three civilians and injuring four," Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Also three Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 12 more have been injured in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_kill\\_three\\_civilians\\_in\\_donetsk\\_injure\\_four\\_326515](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_kill_three_civilians_in_donetsk_injure_four_326515)

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_loses\\_three\\_more\\_servicemen\\_326518](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_three_more_servicemen_326518)

### **Gunfire reported near Debaltseve, situation tense, 08.10.2014**

KYIV, October 8 /Ukrinform/. The situation in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) is currently the worst near Debaltseve as most attacks were reported there, the ATO press center has reported.

"The situation is tense near Debaltseve, as the greatest number of attacks on our positions is reported in this area," the press center reported.

It also added that despite a "regime of silence," militants continued to shell Ukrainian positions, in particular, checkpoints guarding a thermal power plant in Shchastia.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunfire\\_reported\\_near\\_debaltseve\\_situation\\_tense\\_326505](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gunfire_reported_near_debaltseve_situation_tense_326505)

### **Militants again storm and shell Donetsk airport, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian security forces on Wednesday evening repelled another terrorist attack on the Donetsk airport, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has reported on Facebook.

"An attempt to assault the airport in Donetsk was repulsed last evening," Tymchuk said.

In addition, he said, in the past 24 hours the airport and a stronghold near Orlovo-Ivanivka, Shakhtarsk district, Donetsk region, were shelled five times by militants with mortars and small arms.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_again\\_storm\\_and\\_shell\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326528](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_again_storm_and_shell_donetsk_airport_326528)

### **Russian intelligence officers operating in Donetsk, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. The activity of two special groups of Russian intelligence officers has been recorded in Donetsk, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has said.

"The activity of two special groups of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces was recorded in Donetsk. The first group includes seven experts in subversive activities. The second group includes five experts in information and psychological operations," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_intelligence\\_officers\\_operating\\_in\\_donetsk\\_326529](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_intelligence_officers_operating_in_donetsk_326529)

### **No losses among Ukrainian soldiers at Donetsk airport last night, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian security forces sustained no losses in last night's mortar attack on the Donetsk airport by militants, the ATO press center reported on its Facebook page.

"From 19.30 yesterday to 04.00 today, terrorists carried out four mortar attacks on the airport in Donetsk. There are no losses on our side, whereas the enemy's losses are being specified," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_losses\\_among\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_at\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_last\\_night\\_326530](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_losses_among_ukrainian_soldiers_at_donetsk_airport_last_night_326530)

### **UN: 3,660 people killed in east Ukraine fighting, 09.10.2014**

KYIV, October 9 /Ukrinform/. At least 3,660 people have been killed and 8,756 have been injured in eastern Ukraine since the beginning of the armed conflict until October 6.

This is stated in the latest report of High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein.

"From mid-April to October 6, at least 3,660 people were killed and 8,756 wounded in eastern Ukraine," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un\\_3660\\_people\\_killed\\_in\\_east\\_ukraine\\_fighting\\_326531](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_3660_people_killed_in_east_ukraine_fighting_326531)

### **1,500 persons killed in Donetsk region - OSCE, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. In Donetsk region, during the armed conflict 1,498 persons were killed, including 21 children from March 13 to October 8.

These data were made public by the OSCE at its website .

"1,498 people, including 21 children, had been killed in the entire region of Donetsk from 13 March 2014 to 8 October 2014. According to the director there are 60 bodies in the basement of the morgue, 20 of which have not been identified," a report reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/1500\\_persons\\_killed\\_in\\_donetsk\\_region\\_osce\\_326548](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/1500_persons_killed_in_donetsk_region_osce_326548)

### **Terrorists shell positions of Ukrainian security forces 35 times over past day, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. "The situation in the area of holding the antiterrorist operation remains difficult. Over the previous day, uncontrolled armed groups shelled the ATO positions 35 times," a statement of the ATO press center reads on Facebook Friday.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_shell\\_positions\\_of\\_ukrainian\\_security\\_forces\\_35\\_times\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_326546](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_positions_of_ukrainian_security_forces_35_times_over_past_day_326546)

### **Terrorists kill three residents of Donetsk, injure five, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. "From 18.30 yesterday to 03.30 today, terrorists shelled the Kuibyshevsky district of Donetsk. Shells damaged ten houses... In addition, yesterday, a shell hit an apartment building at 18 Ionova Street in the Leninsky district. Three civilians have been killed and five were wounded as a result of terrorist attacks in Donetsk yesterday," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_kill\\_three\\_residents\\_of\\_donetsk\\_injure\\_five\\_326556](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_kill_three_residents_of_donetsk_injure_five_326556)

### **Forty buses with militants enter Donbas, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. "Mercenaries trained in the training center of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces in Rostov-on-Don continue entering Luhansk region from Russia. According to the latest reports, about 40 buses with terrorists entered Ukraine in the last two days. Last night, a military convoy of about 30 vehicles entered Ukraine from Russia near Uspenka, Donetsk region, and headed to the settlement of Komsomolske. The movement of the convoy is being tracked," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/forty\\_buses\\_with\\_militants\\_enter\\_donbas\\_326561](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/forty_buses_with_militants_enter_donbas_326561)

### **OSCE sees fall in violence in Donbas, 11.10.2014**

The level of violence in Ukraine's conflict-hit Donbas region has fallen, the special mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) said in a report on October 10. "[Our] observers noted at decrease in the level of violence in Donetsk during the reporting period," the OSCE said in the report, according to Ukrainian news Web site ZN.UA.

However, the OSCE observers noted a serious incident that occurred during the reporting period, on October 9 – the shelling of a supermarket in the north of Donetsk. The owner of the supermarket told the observers that the shelling had injured nine people.

The observers also discovered parts of a spent BM-21 Grad rocket about 300 meters from the supermarket.

Also on October 9, the United Nations mission in Ukraine on human rights published a report documenting cases of torture and abuse of prisoners by militants belonging to the Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics, which the government in Kyiv says are terrorist organizations.

The UN also said the data released by the Ukrainian government on the number of people killed and injured due to the fighting in the Donbas were "inaccurate and contradictory."

<http://www.unian.info/politics/994841-osce-sees-fall-in-violence-in-donbas.html>

### **Shchastia and Debaltseve fired more than 30 times over day, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. During the last day, terrorists fired Ukrainian military positions over 30 times in Donbas.

The ATO press center wrote on its Facebook page.

"Over a day, more than three dozen attacks were made, they are located in two areas - near settlements of Debaltseve and Shchastia," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shchastia\\_and\\_debaltseve\\_fired\\_more\\_than\\_30\\_times\\_over\\_day\\_326563](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shchastia_and_debaltseve_fired_more_than_30_times_over_day_326563)

### **Terrorists shell Maryinka with mortars, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. The terrorists fired the settlement of Maryinka, Donetsk region, with mortars at night.

"Mortar fire was aimed at the settlement of Maryinka and the positions in the area of ??Hostra Mohyla mound," the ATO press center wrote on its Facebook page.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_shell\\_maryinka\\_with\\_mortars\\_326565](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_maryinka_with_mortars_326565)



### **"DPR": Coal - to Russia, directors of mines - to landfill, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists of the "DPR" ("Donetsk People's Republic") intend to dispose of the coal industry in their sole discretion.

Such a program was announced at the election conference of the movement "Oplot" by the so-called "prime minister of the republic" Alexander Zakharchenko, the website of terrorists informs.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr\\_coal\\_to\\_russia\\_directors\\_of\\_mines\\_to\\_landfill\\_326568](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr_coal_to_russia_directors_of_mines_to_landfill_326568)

### **Terrorists in Donbas want to "turn off" Russian gas for Europe, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. Militants in Donbas are planning to "turn off" at least one gas pipeline "Soyuz" from the Ukrainian gas transportation system, which provides a quarter of Russian gas transit to Europe.

It is reported by Tsenzor.NET with reference to article "Donbas. Chronicles of energy stalker" in the 36th issue of "Zerkalo Nedeli. Ukraine."

"The length of the pipeline is 1,567 kilometers, it runs through the whole territory of Ukraine from the east of Novoposkov, via Poltava gas fields, in particular Shebelynka, with export outlets to the GTS of Hungary (via the gas-measuring station of Beregove) and Slovakia (via the Uzhgorod direction). The design capacity of the main gas pipeline "Soyuz" exceeds 26 billion cubic meters per year. In addition to the transit of Russian gas, this gas pipeline delivers gas to residents of several regions of Ukraine," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_in\\_donbas\\_want\\_to\\_turn\\_off\\_russian\\_gas\\_for\\_europe\\_326572](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_in_donbas_want_to_turn_off_russian_gas_for_europe_326572)

### **Storming of Donetsk airport: Airfield under our control, terrorists suffer great losses, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. In Donetsk, the militants have resorted to another unsuccessful attempt to assault the airport.

Spokesman of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko told a briefing.

"Our troops repelled the attack and inflicted significant losses to terrorists," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/storming\\_of\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_airfield\\_under\\_our\\_control\\_terrorists\\_suffer\\_great\\_losses\\_326573](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/storming_of_donetsk_airport_airfield_under_our_control_terrorists_suffer_great_losses_326573)

### **Border guard killed in battle with terrorists, 11.10.2014**

KYIV, October 11 /Ukrinform/. A border guard was killed in a battle with terrorists near Dokuchayevsk in Donetsk region.

"Yesterday, at 16.45, near the settlement of Dokuchayevsk in Donetsk region, terrorists opened fire from small arms on the moving column of the State Border Guard Service. Border guards fired back. Militants suffered losses and were forced to flee. Unfortunately, during this battle one border guard was killed," Lysenko spokesman of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/border\\_guard\\_killed\\_in\\_battle\\_with\\_terrorists\\_326574](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/border_guard_killed_in_battle_with_terrorists_326574)

### **ATO HQ: Worst situations near Debaltsevo, Shastya, Avdiyivka, 12.10.2014**

The situation in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) zone remains serious, with anti-Kyiv militants continuing to attack Ukrainian forces in several areas, the headquarters of the ATO has said.

Over the last 24 hours, illegal armed formations have attacked Ukrainian army positions 36 times, the ATO press center reports.

"Most of the attacks focused on the network of checkpoints, support and observation points located near the towns of Debaltsevo, Avdiyivka and Shastya," the ATO headquarters said in a statement. It also noted that the militants used mortars, artillery, small arms, anti-tank weapons and multiple rocket launcher systems against Ukrainian forces.

Meanwhile, besieged Ukrainian forces at Donetsk airport again came under attack – once with anti-aircraft guns and twice by small arms, the headquarters said. However, it said this strategic facility was still under the control of government troops.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995017-ato-hq-worst-situations-near-debaltsevo-shastya-avdiyivka.html>

### **Tymchuk: Militants again attack army at Donetsk airport, 12.10.2014**

Anti-government militants have again attacked the airport in Donetsk, and have shelled residential areas of the city, military blogger Dmytro Tymchuk has said on Facebook.

Tymchuk, who heads the Information Resistance Center for Military and Political Studies, said the militants were engaged in "armed provocations."

"In Donetsk gunmen opened fire on residential areas," Tymchuk said.

"The firing came from vicinity of the airport, from where the terrorists earlier fired on ATO forces."

Tymchuk also said the militants had fired artillery at civilian targets in the area of Debaltsevo.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995022-tymchuk-militants-again-attack-army-at-donetsk-airport.html>

### **'Russian mercenaries' from Crimea arrive in Donetsk - Tymchuk, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. "A group of Russian mercenaries (up to 100 people) who were trained in the occupied Crimea arrived in Donetsk," Information Resistance group coordinator Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page wrote.

Tymchuk added that the group had been divided into units and is well armed and equipped.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_mercenaries\\_from\\_crimea\\_arrive\\_in\\_donetsk\\_tymchuk\\_326581](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_mercenaries_from_crimea_arrive_in_donetsk_tymchuk_326581)

### **Russian troops retreating from Ukrainian border - NSDC, 13.10.2014**

KYIV, October 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) has confirmed the dismantling of field camps of Russian troops near the Ukrainian border and the beginning of their deployment to their home bases.

"We have information that those military units that arrived to the border with Ukraine and were in field camps in Russia are now moving or return to their home bases," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_troops\\_retreating\\_from\\_ukrainian\\_border\\_nsd\\_326586](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_retreating_from_ukrainian_border_nsd_326586)

### **Mariupol suburbs attacked, residents hide in basements, 13.10.2014**

In a fresh violation of Ukraine's shaky ceasefire, anti-Kyiv militants have fired mortars at a district of Mariupol and the nearby villages of Talakovka and Sartana, Mariupol Defense Staff reported on Facebook on Monday.

"Checkpoints near the villages of Talakovka and Sartana and [Mariupol's] Vostochniy district are currently being attacked with mortars," the city's defense headquarters said in a statement.

"The Armed Forces of Ukraine are fighting back. The situation is under control, there is no danger to the city [of Mariupol]," the headquarters said.

According to Mariupol city news Web site 0629.com.ua, residents of the town of Iyichevck reported hearing the loud sound of shelling, and villagers in Talakovka reported black smoke in the sky.

"The walls of the houses are shaking really badly, worse than they were in the previous attacks, and we're having to hide in basements," villagers told the Web site.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995355-mariupol-suburbs-attacked-residents-hide-in-basements.html>

### **Two civilians wounded in Donetsk as militants continue to shell city, 14.10.2014**

Two civilians in Donetsk sustained injuries on Monday evening as anti-government militants again fired at the city, the press service of Donetsk City Administration has told UNIAN.

"Two civilians sustained injuries of varying severity and were hospitalized on October 13 in Donetsk," the press service said.

"Last night the city was rocked by explosions, from 1800 on October 13 through 0230 on October 14."

The militants shelled the Kievskiy and Kuibyshevskiy districts of the city, the city administration said. It said an administrative building on Vakhrusheva Street was completely destroyed by a shell.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995800-two-civilians-wounded-in-donetsk-as-militants-continue-to-shell-city.html>

### **Violent clashes erupt near parliament, 14.10.2014**

Clashes broke out on Tuesday between a group of unidentified people and police at the entrance to the Ukrainian parliament building.

A group of unidentified people attempted to break through a police line in front of the entrance to the parliament, the correspondent said.

The police were reinforced with about a hundred of police in full riot gear. The protesters threw fireworks at the police and, using sticks, tried to break through the police cordon guarding the entrance to the building. The police officers used batons in response.

The activists chanted "Revolution!" and "Vote!" attempting to call on the MPs to vote for including into the agenda a draft law to officially recognize the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army as organizations who fought for Ukraine's independence in World War II.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995866-violent-clashes-erupt-near-parliament.html>

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation\\_becomes\\_tense\\_near\\_verkhovna\\_rada\\_explosions\\_are\\_heard\\_326602](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_becomes_tense_near_verkhovna_rada_explosions_are_heard_326602)

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna\\_rada\\_fired\\_of\\_pump\\_action\\_weapons\\_326603](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_fired_of_pump_action_weapons_326603)

### **Five civilians reported killed as militants shell Mariupol area, 14.10.2014**

Anti-Kyiv militants again violated the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday afternoon, with unconfirmed reports of five civilians being killed by shelling in areas near the port of Mariupol. Local news agency 0629, quoting local residents, said militants had fired on a government-controlled checkpoint in the village Talakovka in the Lychevck district of Mariupol. There were reports that the militants used Grad multiple rocket launcher systems in the attack.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/995954-five-civilians-reported-killed-as-militants-shell-mariupol-area.html>

### **Creation of another dwarf "state" announced in Donbas, 15.10.2014**

KYIV, October 15 /Ukrinform/. "Cossack" Russian-terrorist groups decided to create its republic in Donbas - "Cossack People's Republic."

"Locals settlements of Sverdlovsk, Rovenky and Anratsyt and representatives of Russian "Cossack" groups announced about creation of the "Cossack People's Republic," Dmytro Tymchuk, coordinator of the Information Resistance group wrote on Facebook.

According to the Information Support, Cossack checkpoints are mounted at the entrance to the town of Sverdlovsk.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/creation\\_of\\_another\\_dwarf\\_state\\_announced\\_in\\_donbas\\_326619](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/creation_of_another_dwarf_state_announced_in_donbas_326619)

### **Artillery helps our roadblocks counter terrorists - NSDC, 15.10.2014**

KYIV, October 15 /Ukrinform/. The artillery repels attacks of terrorists, who are attacking our roadblocks in Bakhmutivka, Luhansk region. Ukrainian units are sent there.

"Currently, a fight is in the area of Bakhmutivka, Luhansk region. Terrorists unsuccessfully tried to capture our roadblocks. Ukrainian military have enough weapons and ammunition, they are protected with engineering structures, the command maintains communication with them and controls the situation. Now, the Ukrainian artillery repels attacks of terrorists, who assault our roadblocks. Ukrainian units went to the area of the battle to help destroy the militants and liquidate the threat to roadblocks," spokesman of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko noted.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/artillery\\_helps\\_our\\_roadblocks\\_counter\\_terrorists\\_nsd\\_326625](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/artillery_helps_our_roadblocks_counter_terrorists_nsd_326625)

### **237 educational institutions of Donetsk region damaged due to combat actions, 15.10.2014**

KYIV, October 15 /Ukrinform/. Combat actions damaged 237 educational institutions of Donetsk region. It was managed to renew less than one quarter.

"Over a period of holding the antiterrorist operation in Donetsk region, 237 educational institutions were damaged, out of these, 50 were rebuilt in Sloviansk, Kramatorsk, Dzerzhynsk, Krasny Lyman, Sloviansk district. Repairs were not held at 187 establishments," the press service of the Donetsk Regional State Administration informs.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/237\\_educational\\_institutions\\_of\\_donetsk\\_region\\_damaged\\_due\\_to\\_combat\\_actions\\_326628](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/237_educational_institutions_of_donetsk_region_damaged_due_to_combat_actions_326628)

### **OSCE confirms LPR militant attack on Ukrainian checkpoint, 15.10.2014**

Ukrainian soldiers at a Ukrainian checkpoint in Luhansk have been surrounded by militants, the Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe reported on Wednesday.

The OSCE mission said a Ukrainian checkpoint forty kilometers from Luhansk was attacked by the armed forces of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's republic. It said there were 12 reported casualties, two of whom were confirmed by mission staff.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/996502-osce-confirms-lpr-militant-attack-on-ukrainian-checkpoint.html>

### **Donetsk militants threaten to shoot down OSCE drones, 15.10.2014**

Anti-Kyiv militants in Donetsk have said they will shoot down any unmanned aerial vehicles being used to monitor the Ukrainian-Russian border.

A representative of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, Boris Lytvynov, made the threat in a telephone interview with the German newspaper Bild, the Gordon online publication reported.

Lytvynov said the militants regarded the use of drones as espionage against them. As for servicemen being included in the mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Ukraine, Lytvynov said all such foreigners would be "destroyed, as emissaries of Nato and the United States."

About 200 servicemen from the German military, the Bundeswehr, and 150 French troops are expected to arrive in Ukraine soon to operate the drones that are to monitor the Ukrainian-Russian border.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/996422-donetsk-militants-threaten-to-shoot-down-osce-drones.html>

### **"DPR" and "LPR" cannot divide Russian "aid", 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Donetsk terrorists express claims to Luhansk terrorists, because the "LPR" gets most of the resources coming from Russia, while the "DPR" supposedly covers Luhansk region of Ukrainian troops from the west.

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

"Everywhere "commanders" of the "DPR" terrorist groups express claims to the "LPR" that the "DPR" covers Luhansk region of Ukrainian troops from the west," but the lion's share of resources coming from Russia is in the "LPR," he wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr\\_and\\_lpr\\_cannot\\_divide\\_russian\\_aid\\_326638](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr_and_lpr_cannot_divide_russian_aid_326638)

### **Moskal closes road via Bakhmutka, 16.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Luhansk governor Hennadiy Moskal asks to abstain from traveling by Bakhmutka road due to the threat for life.

A website of the head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration reads.

"The Luhansk Regional State Administration asks residents and guests of Luhansk region to abstain from travelling along the motor road Bakhmutka between the settlement of Hirske, Popasna district and Luhansk," Moskal noted.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moskal\\_closes\\_road\\_via\\_bakhmutka\\_326645](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moskal_closes_road_via_bakhmutka_326645)

### **Ukraine loses three more soldiers, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 16 /Ukrinform/. Three Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said this at a briefing on Thursday.

"As a result of shelling in the past day, three Ukrainian soldiers have been killed, and nine more have been wounded," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_loses\\_three\\_more\\_soldiers\\_326652](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_three_more_soldiers_326652)

### **Militants cannot divide Russian ammunition, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. A conflict is erupting among terrorists in Donbas because of privileges for certain groups that get supplies directly from Russia.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on his Facebook page.

"Terrorist groups are getting more dissatisfied with the fact that militants' units, Oplot and Vostok, are in a privileged position and get supplies directly from Russia," Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_cannot\\_divide\\_russian\\_ammunition\\_326664](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_cannot_divide_russian_ammunition_326664)

### **Russia continues military buildup near Novoazovsk, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist forces are continuing to mass near the town of Novoazovsk, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has reported on Facebook.

"In the past 24 hours, two columns of up to ten vehicles each entered Novoazovsk district (Ukraine) from Russia (from the direction of Fyodorovka, Rostov region of Russia). The columns include curtain side trucks, buses, and fuel trucks," Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_continues\\_military\\_buildup\\_near\\_novoazovsk\\_326667](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_continues_military_buildup_near_novoazovsk_326667)

### **Salvos do not stop in Donetsk, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. A night of October 16 to October 17 was tense in Donetsk - salvos did not stop in Leninsky, Voroshylovsky and Kyivsky districts.

"As of 9:00 a.m., it is not calm in the city. Residents inform that periodically single shots from big guns and explosions were heard in Kirovsky, Kuibyshevsky and Kyivsky districts," the press service of the Donetsk City Council informs.

As the press service of the city council informs, as of 9:30 a.m., public transport in Donetsk works in the normal mode.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/salvos\\_do\\_not\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_326668](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/salvos_do_not_stop_in_donetsk_326668)

### **Coal from Akhmetov's mines removed to Russia, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Coal from Akhmetov's mines in Sverdlovsk district of Luhansk region is removed to Russia.

"Coal produced at mines of the OJSC DTEK Sverdlovanratsyt is removed to Rostov region (Russia). It is removed with trucks and by the railway via the station Krasna Mohyla. Supply of materials necessary for work of the enterprise is carried out from Russia," informant.lg.ua resource, close to local militants, reports.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/coal\\_from\\_akhmetovs\\_mines\\_removed\\_to\\_russia\\_326669](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/coal_from_akhmetovs_mines_removed_to_russia_326669)

### **Zakharchenko tells about "Kyiv's illusions" and status of Donbas in "DPR", 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. The self-proclaimed "DPR" is not going to recognize the law of Ukraine about a special status of Donbas.

"Prime minister" of the unrecognized "DPR" Oleksandr Zakharchenko told RIA Novosti.

"Ukraine may adopt any laws, they do not concern us, we are an independent state, its citizens voted for its independence (at the referendum of May 11 - Ed.)," Zakharchenko said.

According to him, "Kyiv still has an illusion that it governs us, in reality this is not so."

"There are not any "separate districts of Donbas," there is the "DPR," which intends to return all the occupied territory within the borders of the former Donetsk region of Ukraine," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/zakharchenko\\_tells\\_about\\_kyivs\\_illusions\\_and\\_status\\_of\\_donbas\\_in\\_dpr\\_326670](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/zakharchenko_tells_about_kyivs_illusions_and_status_of_donbas_in_dpr_326670)

### **Terrorists want to again launch Akhmetov's plants, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists from the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic want to resume the work of plants owned by Ukrainian businessman Rinat Akhmetov in Horlivka and Yenakiyev.

Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on his Facebook page.

"DPR is resolving the question of resuming the work of enterprises, owned by Rinat Akhmetov, in Horlivka and Yenakiyev," Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_want\\_to\\_again\\_launch\\_akhmetovs\\_plants\\_326671](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_want_to_again_launch_akhmetovs_plants_326671)



### **“LPR” already protects against Russian Cossacks, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. New “militant” groups are formed in the “LPR,” which will protect the local population against Russian Cossacks.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page. “In the settlement of Perevalsk, Luhansk region, a group of militants is formed, called to protect the local population against Russian Cossacks,” a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lpr\\_already\\_protects\\_against\\_russian\\_cossacks\\_326672](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lpr_already_protects_against_russian_cossacks_326672)

### **Russian Cossacks ban moving by cars in Antratsyt, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Russian Cossacks, who control Antratsyt, banned for local residents to move by cars in the city.

Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook about this. “In the settlement of Antratsyt, a ban is introduced for movement of private transport. This decision was taken by Russian Cossacks, who announced themselves the local “power,” Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_cossacks\\_ban\\_moving\\_by\\_cars\\_in\\_antratsyt\\_326673](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_cossacks_ban_moving_by_cars_in_antratsyt_326673)

### **Fight renews at Donetsk airport, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. A fight renewed near the Donetsk Airport.

Powerful salvos of the artillery or tanks are heard very intensively in the nearby districts of the city.

To remind, this night as a result of shelling, automatic switching off of 124 stations took place. Residents of neighboring residential districts of Voroshylovsky and Kyivsky districts are without electricity. In the morning, power engineering workers partially renewed supply of electric energy. Works continue. However, there is no light till now.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fight\\_renews\\_at\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326675](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fight_renews_at_donetsk_airport_326675)

### **Three soldiers killed, ten wounded in Donbas in past 24 hours, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Three Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the area of the antiterrorist operation in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours.

"In general, in the past 24 hours, due to terrorist attacks and armed clashes, three Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and ten have been wounded," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_ten\\_wounded\\_in\\_donbas\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_326677](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_soldiers_killed_ten_wounded_in_donbas_in_past_24_hours_326677)

### **Terrorists deserting not to attack airport in Donetsk, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Most terrorists have deserted from the unit, which was to attack the Donetsk airport.

"More than 70% of personnel of the terrorist unit, which was created from the former police officers for assault of the Donetsk airport, deserted," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_deserting\\_not\\_to\\_attack\\_airport\\_in\\_donetsk\\_326679](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_deserting_not_to_attack_airport_in_donetsk_326679)

### **“DPR” bans export of "its" coal, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Leaders of the terrorist organization “DPR” banned export and selling of coal outside the area, controlled by them.

“With this aim, instructions were given to checkpoints not to allow the trucks with coal outside the borders of the territory, controlled by terrorists,” NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr\\_bans\\_export\\_of\\_its\\_coal\\_326681](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr_bans_export_of_its_coal_326681)

### **Two more Ukrainian military killed in Donbas, 18.10.2014**

KYIV, October 18 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue to violate the ceasefire in some areas of the ATO zone, which leads to casualties among Ukrainian military.

"Over the day, two Ukrainian soldiers were killed, three - injured," deputy Head of NSDC Information-Analytical Center Volodymyr Polevyi he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_more\\_ukrainian\\_military\\_killed\\_in\\_donbas\\_326697](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_more_ukrainian_military_killed_in_donbas_326697)

### **Six military missing near Smile found, search continues, 18.10.2014**

KYIV, October 18 /Ukrinform/. Six Ukrainian military missing near the settlement of Smile returned to the checkpoint, a search is made for another five military. Deputy Head of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Volodymyr Polevyi told a briefing.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six\\_military\\_missing\\_near\\_smile\\_found\\_search\\_continues\\_326698](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_military_missing_near_smile_found_search_continues_326698)

### **Government forces repel attack near Smile, victims reported, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military have repelled an attempted assault near Smile, sustaining losses.

"Near the settlement of Smile terrorists made an attempted massive assault on the positions of the anti-terrorist operation forces, using heavy weapons. All attacks were repulsed. There are losses on both sides," Center for Military and Political Studies Director Dmytro Tymchuk wrote.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government\\_forces\\_repel\\_attack\\_near\\_smile\\_victims\\_reported\\_326699](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_forces_repel_attack_near_smile_victims_reported_326699)

### **Ukrainian positions shelled 60 times over past day, 20.10.2014**

KYIV, October 20 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist troops have made more than 60 attacks on the positions of the anti-terrorist operation forces in the past 24 hours.

"In the past 24 hours, Russian-terrorist forces have carried out over 60 attacks on the positions of Ukrainian troops. During the attacks they used small arms, mortars, MLRS, rocket artillery, tanks, and 23-2 anti-aircraft systems," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_positions\\_shelled\\_60\\_times\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_326700](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_positions_shelled_60_times_over_past_day_326700)

### **Donetsk rocked by huge explosion, 20.10.2014**

The city of Donetsk in the east Ukraine conflict zone was rocked by a massive explosion on Monday when a munitions factory took a rocket or shell hit, sources in the city say.

The explosion occurred around noon near a building in Donetsk where Prime Minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic Andrei Purgin was holding a meeting, says Russian news source RIA Novosti.

Although the explosion blew out all the windows in the building, there were no casualties, according to preliminary data. However, the meeting had to be stopped.

Pro-Russian militants in the city said the explosion had been caused by a Tochka-U missile, the BBC reported.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/998345-donetsk-rocked-by-huge-explosion.html>

### **Bombings do not stop in Donetsk until late at night, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. Bombings did not stop in Donetsk until late at night.

A Ukrinform correspondent reports.

Heavy ammunition of artillery systems was used. Currently, there is no information about the destruction and casualties.

Yesterday's shelling of the city was the strongest for the ATO period.

ATO forces survive previous day without casualties, there are wounded

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. No casualties were among Ukrainian military over the previous day, four law enforcers were wounded.

"There are no casualties among Ukrainian military over the previous day, four Ukrainian soldiers were wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bombings\\_do\\_not\\_stop\\_in\\_donetsk\\_until\\_late\\_at\\_night\\_326729](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bombings_do_not_stop_in_donetsk_until_late_at_night_326729)

### **ATO forces survive previous day without casualties, there are wounded, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. "There are no casualties among Ukrainian military over the previous day, four Ukrainian soldiers were wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato\\_forces\\_survive\\_previous\\_day\\_without\\_casualties\\_there\\_are\\_wounded\\_326742](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_survive_previous_day_without_casualties_there_are_wounded_326742)

### **Russia has not yet removed troops from border with Ukraine - NSDC, 21.10.2014**

Russia has not yet removed its troops from the border with Ukraine, despite the fact that its military exercises have allegedly ended.

"We watched the beginning of the movement of Russian troops that were stationed along the Ukrainian-Russian border in Russia. However, we cannot state that they all were sent to their bases. Most of them are still on the ground," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_has\\_not\\_yet\\_removed\\_troops\\_from\\_border\\_with\\_ukraine\\_nsdcc326744](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_has_not_yet_removed_troops_from_border_with_ukraine_nsdcc326744)

### **Terrorists suffer losses near Ozerianivka, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. During the recent day, intensity of attacks has decreased in the ATO area, but militants did not stop storming positions of Ukrainian security forces.

"In general, in Luhansk region and in the south of Donetsk region the intensity of attacks slightly decreased yesterday. Activity of militants was concentrated near Donetsk and Debaltseve and in Popasnyansky district of Luhansk region," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_suffer\\_losses\\_near\\_ozerianivka\\_326746](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_suffer_losses_near_ozerianivka_326746)

### **Ukraine not using cluster munitions - NSDC, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. Reports claiming that Ukraine used banned cluster munitions in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine are untrue.

"During the anti-terrorist operation the Ukrainian military did not use the weapons banned by international legal acts. This also concerns cluster bombs," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_not\\_using\\_cluster\\_munitions\\_nsdcc326747](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_not_using_cluster_munitions_nsdcc326747)

### **Ukrainian rescuers deliver almost 220 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Donbas, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. More than 217 tonnes of humanitarian aid were purchased and delivered to residents of liberated territories for money allocated from the state budget.

"For the funds, allocated from the state budget, rescuers of the Emergency Service of Ukraine already purchased and delivered to residents of Donetsk and Luhansk regions more than 217 tonnes of humanitarian aid," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian\\_rescuers\\_deliver\\_almost\\_220\\_tonnes\\_of\\_humanitarian\\_aid\\_to\\_donbas\\_326748](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_rescuers_deliver_almost_220_tonnes_of_humanitarian_aid_to_donbas_326748)

### **ATO forces repel all attacks of militants: no casualties among soldiers, 21.10.2014**

KYIV, October 21 /Ukrinform/. The night passed calmly in Luhansk region and on the south of Donetsk region. In other districts of the ATO area, uncontrolled terrorist armed groups shelled positions of our forces. The ATO press center informs.

Using MLRS BM-21 Grad, militants inflicted fire damage on our units in the area of Novotroytske. With mortars they fired at checkpoints in the area of the Horlivka Reservoir, near Nikishyne and Hostra Mohyla Tomb," a statement reads.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato\\_forces\\_repel\\_all\\_attacks\\_of\\_militants\\_no\\_casualties\\_among\\_soldiers\\_326726](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_repel_all_attacks_of_militants_no_casualties_among_soldiers_326726)

### **Report says 1,000 soldiers died during Ilovaysk disaster, 21.10.2014**

More than 300 Ukrainian soldiers were killed while trying to break out of encirclement at Ilovaysk in late August, and around 1,000 in total died during the fighting for the town, according to a parliament report.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/998603-report-says-1000-soldiers-died-during-ilovaysk-disaster.html>

### **Column of about 50 tanks and APCs arrives in Donbas, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist forces in Donbas continue receiving personnel, weapons and military hardware from Russia.

"On the evening of October 21, a column of military vehicles and up to 500 people in Russian military uniforms without any insignia arrived in Amvrosiyivka from Russia. The column included

vehicles, as well as 50 tanks and armored personnel carriers. Part of the column remained in this settlement, and the other part (about 300 people and 30 vehicles) headed to the settlement of Komsomolske," Director of the Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk said.  
[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column\\_of\\_about\\_50\\_tanks\\_and\\_apcs\\_arrives\\_in\\_donbas\\_326757](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column_of_about_50_tanks_and_apcs_arrives_in_donbas_326757)

### **Ukraine has evidence that cluster bombs were used by Russian troops, 22.10.2014**

KYIV, October 22 /Ukrinform/. Russian army units used cluster shells of the Smerch multiple launch rocket systems against the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation forces.

"Indeed, we have evidence that the positions of the ATO forces were shelled with such [cluster] rockets launched from the Smerch multiple launch rocket systems," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said, when commenting on the use of cluster bombs by the enemy.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_has\\_evidence\\_that\\_cluster\\_bombs\\_were\\_used\\_by\\_russian\\_troops\\_326764](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_has_evidence_that_cluster_bombs_were_used_by_russian_troops_326764)

### **Militants resume shelling of Ukrainian positions in southern direction, 23.10.2014**

KYIV, October 23 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists continue shelling the positions of Ukrainian security forces near Debaltseve, Mykolaivka, Shchastia and Smile and again began to fire in the southern direction, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

"The shelling of our positions in the south of the ATO zone, particularly near Pavlopil and Zamozhne, has resumed," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_resume\\_shelling\\_of\\_ukrainian\\_positions\\_in\\_southern\\_direction\\_326770](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_resume_shelling_of_ukrainian_positions_in_southern_direction_326770)

### **Russia blocks extension of OSCE mission on border with Ukraine, 23.10.2014**

KYIV, October 23 /Ukrinform/. Russia has blocked the OSCE's decision on the extension of the mandate of this organization's mission on the Ukrainian-Russian border. Thus, observers will work for a month only at two checkpoints that are located at a one-kilometer section of the border.

The United States Mission to the OSCE said this in a press release on October 22.

"Despite repeated requests from OSCE member and partner States, the Russian Federation continued to block the expansion of the Border Checkpoint Observation Mission beyond the two border checkpoints where it is currently deployed. These checkpoints together make up just 1 km of the hundreds of kilometers of the international border between Ukraine and Russia," reads the document.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_blocks\\_extension\\_of\\_osce\\_mission\\_on\\_border\\_with\\_ukraine\\_326771](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_blocks_extension_of_osce_mission_on_border_with_ukraine_326771)

### **FT: Russian soldiers disclosed their goal in Ukraine during 'truce', 23.10.2014**

KYIV, October 23 /Ukrinform/. Financial Times has asked Russian soldiers, who arrived in Luhansk after a truce was declared, to disclose the purpose of their visit to Ukraine, LB.ua has reported, referring to FT correspondent Courtney Weaver.

"During an encounter with them in the only functioning restaurant in the city - Weeping Willows - she [Weaver] learned that they had been in Luhansk for the past month (meaning that they arrived after the ceasefire, which was declared on September 5)," reads the report.

According to LB.ua, five of the six soldiers agreed to talk to a foreign journalist. Soldiers said that they had been training local separatists and had been conducting their training every day.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ft\\_russian\\_soldiers\\_disclosed\\_their\\_goal\\_in\\_ukraine\\_during\\_truce\\_326785](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ft_russian_soldiers_disclosed_their_goal_in_ukraine_during_truce_326785)

### **Luhansk militants to use Moscow time, 23.10.2014**

The leaders of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) have announced that the portion of Ukrainian territory they control will switch to Moscow time from October 26.

According to an LPR report, on October 22 the head of the self-proclaimed LPR Ihor Plotnytskyi issued a resolution on the transition to Russian time at 0300 on October 26. This decision has been communicated to all the authorities, businesses and residents of the LPR, the report said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/999804-luhansk-militants-to-use-moscow-time.html>

### **Tymchuk: militants attack Ukrainian positions more than 30 times, 23.10.2014**

Anti-government militants have attacked Ukrainian army positions more than 30 times over the past few days, head of the Information Resistance Center for Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk has written on his Facebook page.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/999690-tymchuk-militants-attack-ukrainian-positions-more-than-30-times.html>

### **Militants shoot in air to disperse pensions protest, 23.10.2014**

Anti-Kyiv gunmen fired into the air to disperse a group of people protesting over the non-payment of pensions in Luhansk region on Wednesday, the National Security and Defense Council has said.

"Yesterday in Bryanka, Luhansk region, which is temporarily under the control of terrorists, on the square near the executive committee building, local residents held a rally in protest at not being paid their pension for four months," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"A group of terrorists approached the protesters. The militants, who were wearing LPR (Luhansk People's Republic) badges, opened fire in the air and dispersed the protesters," said Lysenko.

<http://www.unian.info/society/999885-militants-shoot-in-air-to-disperse-pensions-protest.html>

### **ATO forces repel assault at checkpoint and destroy four militants, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian military repelled an assault at a checkpoint near Berezove by destroying two pairs of terrorists.

The ATO press center informs.

"The day before, during a routine check of vehicles on the checkpoint, located near Berezove, Ukrainian soldiers got under a mortar attack. Four of them were wounded because of the fire raid. Victims were given medical care, their evacuation to medical establishments was carried out. At 3:00 a.m. at night, the militants tried to storm this checkpoint. The attack was repulsed by coordinated efforts of our military. Losses of militants are up to four people a day," the Headquarters noted.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato\\_forces\\_repel\\_assault\\_at\\_checkpoint\\_and\\_destroy\\_four\\_militants\\_326788](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_repel_assault_at_checkpoint_and_destroy_four_militants_326788)

### **Terrorists shell Donetsk airport with Grad rocket launchers, 24.10.2014**

KYIV, October 24 /Ukrinform/. Despite the ceasefire, militants fired twice the Donetsk airport with Grad rocket launchers.

"At the airport today, militants fired the control tower with Grad rocket launchers. "There were two volleys at 8:25 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m.," ATO press center Head Vladyslav Selezniiov said. Selezniiov said that there were "no casualties on our side."

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_shell\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_with\\_grad\\_rocket\\_launchers\\_326796](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_donetsk_airport_with_grad_rocket_launchers_326796)

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_casualties\\_among\\_ukrainian\\_military\\_over\\_last\\_day\\_326798](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_casualties_among_ukrainian_military_over_last_day_326798)

### **Donetsk tense, bursts of heavy guns heard in city, 24.10.2014**

The city of Donetsk in Ukraine's war-torn east was tense on Friday, with bursts of heavy firing from artillery heard throughout the area, the press service of Donetsk City Council has reported. The press service told UNIAN that yesterday, on October 23, despite the ongoing fighting the city's utility companies managed to complete a series of preparatory tasks ahead of winter. In particular, it said the workers of the city water company had performed their duties in extremely dangerous conditions, and that they are continuing to do so.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1000283-donetsk-tense-bursts-of-heavy-guns-heard-in-city.html>

### **Three Ukrainian servicemen injured in past 24 hours, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Terrorist activity in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine has declined in the past 24 hours.

"In the past 24 hours, terrorist activity in the ATO zone declined compared to Friday. There are no losses among Ukrainian military. Three servicemen have been wounded," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three\\_ukrainian\\_servicemen\\_injured\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_326811](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_ukrainian_servicemen_injured_in_past_24_hours_326811)



### **Unidentified men attack three parliamentary candidates in Kirovohrad region, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Unidentified men, at constituency No. 102 with its center in Znamianka in Kirovohrad region, have attacked a car carrying parliamentary candidates from the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko Serhiy Leshchenko, Svitlana Zalishchuk and Mustafa Nayyem, the Ukrainska Pravda online newspaper has reported.

The participants of the incident said that the attack had occurred near the Eagle's Nest hotel located in the village of Subotsi. Six people attacked the car, completely smashing it with stones.

"The attack was made near a polling station where vote buying in favor of Oles Dovhy was recorded," activists said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/unidentified\\_men\\_attack\\_three\\_parliamentary\\_candidates\\_in\\_kirovohrad\\_region\\_326814](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/unidentified_men_attack_three_parliamentary_candidates_in_kirovohrad_region_326814)

### **Two cars come under fire near polling station in Kryvy Rih, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Several people have been injured after two cars came under fire in the center of Kryvy Rih in front of the building of a district election commission at about 13.30 on Sunday, a source in law enforcement agencies said.

"According to preliminary reports, a 5.45 mm Kalashnikov machine gun and a 12 mm hunting rifle were used in the shooting. Police officers are working at the scene, and the area was cordoned off by Kryvbas special purpose fighters. People were injured in the shooting," he said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_cars\\_come\\_under\\_fire\\_near\\_polling\\_station\\_in\\_kryvy\\_rih\\_326818](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_cars_come_under_fire_near_polling_station_in_kryvy_rih_326818)

### **Militants in Donetsk open fire on voters, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists from the so-called Donetsk People's Republic have opened fire on four people who came to vote in Donetsk.

Observers from the Committee of Voters of Ukraine and the Opora civil network learned this from residents of Donetsk, according to the Novosti Donbassa (News of Donbas) online newspaper.

"My friends and I decided today to vote in the elections, and went to the polling station where we usually vote. It is located at School No. 114 in the Petrovsky district of Donetsk. When we arrived there, a man was standing at the entrance and we asked him whether we could vote there. He said 'now we'll solve everything' and went into the school building. After that, we came under machinegun fire from the building, and we barely escaped, because we came to the car in time," a resident of Donetsk said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_in\\_donetsk\\_open\\_fire\\_on\\_voters\\_326819](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_in_donetsk_open_fire_on_voters_326819)

### **Terrorists shell border guards in Luhansk region, 26.10.2014**

KYIV, October 26 /Ukrinform/. Militants have fired at border guards near the village of Kamyshne in Luhansk region, no one has been injured.

"At 14.00, the positions of border guards near the village of Kamyshne in Luhansk region, near the border with Russia, were shelled with small arms. No border guard was injured," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_shell\\_border\\_guard\\_in\\_luhansk\\_region\\_326821](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_border_guard_in_luhansk_region_326821)

### **Tymchuk: Russian militants attack 3 Ukrainian positions in last 24 hours, 27.10.2014**

Anti-government militants in the Donbas conflict zone have violated the ceasefire in three places in the last 24 hours, launching assaults on the old terminal building at Donetsk airport and on Ukrainian army checkpoints near Novolaspa and Avdiivka, a military blogger reported.

"Over the last day Russian-terrorist forces attacked Ukrainian positions nearly 20 times," the head of the Information Resistance Center for Military and Political Studies, Dmytro Tymchuk, wrote on Facebook on Monday.

Since the September 5 ceasefire, which was declared under the Minsk Protocol agreement, Russian forces and pro-Russian militants had by September 20 violated the truce more than 2,150 times, Tymchuk said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1001420-tymchuk-russian-militants-attack-3-ukrainian-positions-in-last-24-hours.html>

### **Militants resume Donetsk attacks, 27.10.2014**

After a quiet night, shooting and explosions again broke out in the war-ravaged city of Donetsk in eastern Ukraine on Monday, the press service of Donetsk City Council has told UNIAN. Four districts of the city - Kuibyshevskiy, Kyivskiy, Leninskiy and Petrovskiy – this morning echoed to explosions and the sound of shelling, the press service said.

<http://www.unian.info/politics/1001365-militants-resume-donetsk-attacks.html>

### **Two Ukrainian servicemen killed in ATO zone on Election Day, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the area of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours.

"Two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the past 24 hours. These are crewmembers of an armored personnel carrier that was fighting to unblock checkpoint No. 32. Reports of those wounded did not come to us," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two\\_ukrainian\\_servicemen\\_killed\\_in\\_ato\\_zone\\_on\\_election\\_day\\_326835](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_ukrainian_servicemen_killed_in_ato_zone_on_election_day_326835)

### **Terrorists pull fighters and armored vehicles to Donetsk airport, 27.10.2014**

KYIV, October 27 /Ukrinform/. The pulling of fighters and armored vehicles to the area of the Donetsk airport is still being recorded.

"The pulling of military equipment and manpower to the north-western outskirts of Donetsk is still being recorded. Yesterday terrorists shelled Ukrainian military three times with grenade launchers and small arms in the vicinity of the airport. However, militants did not dare to storm the airport, because they have recently suffered heavy losses and cannot recover," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_pull\\_fighters\\_and\\_armored\\_vehicles\\_to\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326837](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_pull_fighters_and_armored_vehicles_to_donetsk_airport_326837)

### **Terrorists again shell Donetsk airport and sustain losses, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists last night shelled the Donetsk airport and the positions of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces near Debaltseve, the ATO press center has said.

"Last night, uncontrolled armed groups fired on our positions near the Donetsk airport, near Debaltseve and in the south of the ATO zone," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists\\_again\\_shell\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_and\\_sustain\\_losses\\_326847](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_again_shell_donetsk_airport_and_sustain_losses_326847)

### **Ukraine loses two more servicemen, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and two more have been injured in the area of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours.

"Two servicemen have been killed and two more have been injured over the past 24 hours," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_loses\\_two\\_more\\_servicemen\\_326857](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_two_more_servicemen_326857)

### **Over ten soldiers killed near Smile - NSDC, 28.10.2014**

KYIV, October 28 /Ukrinform/. Over ten Ukrainian soldiers have been killed at checkpoint No. 32 near Smile in Luhansk region.

"According to preliminary data, losses in this area have reached over ten people during the time of the confrontation since September. The bodies of those killed are currently being identified, and the fate of several servicemen who are officially considered missing is being determined," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over\\_ten\\_soldiers\\_killed\\_near\\_smile\\_nsd\\_326862](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_ten_soldiers_killed_near_smile_nsd_326862)

### **Situation remains tense in south of ATO zone, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. "The situation remains dynamic in the south of the zone of the anti-terrorist operation. Militants continue to shell our positions in the south of the ATO zone, particularly near Chernenko," reads the statement of the ATO press center.

According to the press center, the ATO forces return fire if there are no civilians in the area affected.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation\\_remains\\_tense\\_in\\_south\\_of\\_ato\\_zone\\_326872](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_remains_tense_in_south_of_ato_zone_326872)

### **Militants continue shelling Donetsk airport, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian positions in Luhansk region were almost not shelled last night. Instead, militants continue shelling the Donetsk airport, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

"Militants twice shelled our units at the Donetsk airport, as well as near the settlements of Mius, Chornukhyne and Nikishyne," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_continue\\_shelling\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_326873](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_continue_shelling_donetsk_airport_326873)

### **No servicemen killed in past 24 hours, one injured - NSDC, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. "No Ukrainian servicemen have been killed in the past 24 hours, one soldier has been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_servicemen\\_killed\\_in\\_past\\_24\\_hours\\_one\\_injured\\_nsd\\_326885](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_servicemen_killed_in_past_24_hours_one_injured_nsd_326885)

### **No agreements with terrorists on buffer zone - NSDC, 29.10.2014**

KYIV, October 29 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian side has not signed any agreements with terrorists on the arrangement of a buffer zone in the Donbas conflict zone.

"It is impossible to recall what did not happen," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said, while commenting on rumors about the Ukrainian side's allegedly recalling its signature from agreements on the arrangement of the buffer zone.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no\\_agreements\\_with\\_terrorists\\_on\\_buffer\\_zone\\_nsd\\_326886](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_agreements_with_terrorists_on_buffer_zone_nsd_326886)

### **Ukraine loses seven more soldiers, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. "We have lost seven of our soldiers in the past 24 hours, and 11 have been wounded," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine\\_loses\\_seven\\_more\\_soldiers\\_326898](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_seven_more_soldiers_326898)

### **Svoboda pickets Central Election Commission, 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union has staged a picket outside the building of the Central Election Commission (CEC). Svoboda does not agree with the results of the parliamentary elections held on October 26 and thinks that the main cause of election fraud is "Vladimir Putin and his agents in Ukraine."

A group of candidates from Svoboda came out to the protesters, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"A striking difference between the results of exit polls and vote count data published on the website of the Central Election Commission is a sign of massive fraud. According to our calculations, we received 5.26% of the vote and entered parliament. According to the CEC, Svoboda lacks 0.3% to pass the 5% threshold. I am convinced that it was part of the Minsk agreements and our Western partners. Nobody wants to see Svoboda in parliament, both the West with its liberalistic views and misunderstanding of nationalists," Svoboda member Ihor Miroshnichenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda\\_pickets\\_central\\_election\\_commission\\_326902](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda_pickets_central_election_commission_326902)

### **Militants violate ceasefire 45 times over past day, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Uncontrolled terrorist groups have violated the ceasefire 45 times over the past 24 hours, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

"Last night, [Ukrainian] positions were shelled with mortars and small arms near the settlements of Nikishyne, Olkhovatka and Mykolaivka, near Mariupol. The outskirts of Debaltseve came under fire with BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers," reads the statement.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants\\_violate\\_ceasefire\\_45\\_times\\_over\\_past\\_day\\_326909](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_violate_ceasefire_45_times_over_past_day_326909)

### **One more Ukrainian soldier killed in Donbas, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. "One Ukrainian serviceman has been killed in the past 24 hours. Four more have been injured," NSDC information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one\\_more\\_ukrainian\\_soldier\\_killed\\_in\\_donbas\\_326919](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/one_more_ukrainian_soldier_killed_in_donbas_326919)

### **Russia sends saboteurs to Mariupol area, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. The Russian command continues to send subversive and intelligence groups to the area close to Mariupol, Donetsk region.

"The sending of subversive and intelligence groups of the enemy in the direction of the Donetsk-Mariupol highway continues. The Russian command tasked its units and local gangs with urgently paralyzing a highway in the Mariupol direction," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia\\_sends\\_saboteurs\\_to\\_mariupol\\_area\\_326912](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_sends_saboteurs_to_mariupol_area_326912)

### **Russian actor Porechenkov joins militants to fire at Ukrainian soldiers at Donetsk airport (video), 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. Well-known Russian actor Mikhail Porechenkov has visited the positions of Russian terrorists at the Donetsk airport.

He fired at the positions of Ukrainian soldiers at the airport and strongly expressed support for the militants, Novorossia TV reported.

"Mikhail spoke with militiamen with great pleasure and expressed support for them...

Porechenkov also accepted the militants' offer to fire with a Utyos heavy machine gun, and a minute later those surrounding him watched the alleged footage from a film with Mikhail. After saying goodbye to militiamen, the famous actor was photographed with them for a long time on the ruins of the airport," reads the report.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian\\_actor\\_porechenkov\\_joins\\_militants\\_to\\_fire\\_at\\_ukrainian\\_soldiers\\_at\\_donetsk\\_airport\\_video\\_326911](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_actor_porechenkov_joins_militants_to_fire_at_ukrainian_soldiers_at_donetsk_airport_video_326911)

### **Pilot Savchenko**

### **Ukrainians ask David Cameron to help in release of political hostages from Russian captivity, 06.10.2014**

KYIV, October 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine expects assistance from the Government of the United Kingdom in releasing of its citizens illegally detained by Russian services.

Ukrainian diaspora of London addresses the Prime Minister of Great Britain David Cameron and appeals to him for help to release as soon as possible Oleh Sentsov, Nadia Savchenko, Oleksiy Cherniy, Hennadiy Afanasyev, Oleksandr Kolchenko, Yuriy Yatsenko as well as other Ukrainian activists, who are victims of political repressions and are illegally detained in Russia.

"The Ukrainian community of Great Britain accentuates the illegal nature of the detention of the Ukrainian citizens in Russia and urges you, Mr. Prime Minister, and the Government of UK to exert, without delay, all legal and diplomatic efforts for their immediate release," the letter of Ukrainians to David Cameron says.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians\\_ask\\_david\\_cameron\\_to\\_help\\_in\\_release\\_of\\_political\\_hostages\\_from\\_russian\\_captivity\\_326463](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians_ask_david_cameron_to_help_in_release_of_political_hostages_from_russian_captivity_326463)

### **In Milan Poroshenko urges Putin to release Savchenko - Chaly, 18.10.2014**

KYIV, October 18 /Ukrinform/. At the talks in Milan with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko raised an issue of the release of the Ukrainian Air Force pilot Nadia Savchenko.

"I hope that such an appeal to someone, who can resolve this issue, will bring a result," Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Valeriy Chaly said.

[http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/in\\_milan\\_poroshenko\\_urges\\_putin\\_to\\_release\\_savchenko\\_chaly\\_326690](http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/in_milan_poroshenko_urges_putin_to_release_savchenko_chaly_326690)

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### **United States officially deprives Russia of all trade benefits, 04.10.2014**

KYIV, October 4 /Ukrinform/. The United States has officially deprived Russia of trade benefits under the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

A respective proclamation was issued by President Barack Obama, ITAR-TASS reported. "From now on, Russian goods, to which the GSP system earlier applied, will be subject to U.S. import duties on general grounds. The decision to deprive Russia of benefits was announced on May 8, but the White House decision officially came into force from October 3. The formal reason named by the United States is that the preferential approach is envisaged for countries less economically advanced than Russia and that the White House actions were not officially connected with the Ukrainian crisis," reads the statement.

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### **Russia resumes certification of Ukrainian pork, 10.10.2014**

KYIV, October 10 /Ukrinform/. The Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhozadzor) resumes certification of pig production of four Ukrainian companies, imported to Russia.

The press service of the Russian agency informs.

The matter concerns products of LLC VMP (Volyn region), LLC Svizhenka (Chernivtsi region), LLC Salkom Plyus (Donetsk region) and OJSC Tavr-Plus (Donetsk region).

At the same time, Rosselkhozadzor stresses that import of products is possible only in carcasses and semi-carcasses in the presence of imprints of veterinary stamps.

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### **Slovakia ratifies Ukraine-EU association agreement, 17.10.2014**

KYIV, October 17 /Ukrinform/. Slovak President Andrej Kiska on Thursday signed the law on his country's ratification of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union. Thus, Slovakia is one of the first EU member states that ratified the agreement. It only has to submit the instrument of ratification for storage to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, and this process lasts a few days, Radio Liberty reported.

"The Slovak president also signed the documents ratifying EU association agreements with Moldova and Georgia. According to the office of the Slovak president, Andrej Kiska described this event as a 'historic milestone that will help these countries begin important political and economic reforms in order to move closer to EU standards.' He also noted that Slovakia will continue to provide assistance to Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova," reads the statement.

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### **FIFA map shows Crimea as part of Russia (video), 30.10.2014**

KYIV, October 30 /Ukrinform/. FIFA has released the official video of the 2018 World Cup, which shows Crimea as part of Russia.

The video has been posted on the official YouTube channel of the International Football Federation.

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### **Russian 'aid convoy' arrives in Donetsk and Luhansk, 31.10.2014**

KYIV, October 31 /Ukrinform/. A column of the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry has delivered the so-called "humanitarian aid" to Donetsk and Luhansk - with 50 trucks entering each of the two cities, TASS has reported.

"The Russian humanitarian convoy of approximately a hundred vehicles previously divided into two columns. Fifty trucks brought to each of the cities food and building materials weighing about 500 tonnes," reads the statement.

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