



Monitoring of Xenophobia and Extremism in Ukraine September 2014

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Introduction

In September, the situation in Ukraine remains complex and unstable. Severe depreciation of the national currency and the negative forecasts of experts. The collapse of Ukrainian banks on a scale of risk. Minsk Protocol on ceasefire signed on September 5, the Law on the special status of Donbass, Lustration Law - all this was not uniquely appreciated by society and caused a lot of controversy. The lustration law was assumed for a long time. Street could not wait any longer. As a result actions of pseudo patriots reflected in "junk lustration" that does no credit to the country and is condemned by the international community. The ceasefire is rather strange. Donetsk airport, which is under the control of the Ukrainian security services, is constantly shelled by militants. There are attempts to storm it. Militants routinely violate the truce. During ceasefire (September 5-30) according to official data more than 30 Ukrainian military have been killed. There are civilian casualties. As a result of one of the bombings an employee of the International Red Cross in Donetsk was killed. Russian Federation continues sending its humanitarian convoys to Donbass. Against this background, the election campaign to the Supreme Council (Verkhovna Rada) of Ukraine was launched. Parties and blocs tried to recruit combatant commanders. The President and the Prime Minister go to the polls separately. 29 parties are taking part in the election race, which, of course, shows the immaturity of the Ukrainian political elite.

Candidates accuse each other and recall previous "mistakes" of the opponents and call to lustrate opponents, oblivious to the fact that the law could be applied to their allies. President Poroshenko delivered a powerful speech in the US Congress, he received a standing ovation, but Ukraine was refused in military help. Prime Minister Yatsenyuk delivered a strong speech in the UN and asked Russian President to withdraw troops from Ukraine. The EU is making efforts to conclude a treaty between Russia and Ukraine on gas supplies. Toward the end of the month a slight hope appeared, but no final decision yet. The economic part of the Association with the EU has been ratified. But, on the "urgent request" of Russia, the European Union adopted a formal decision to postpone the provisional application of the Association Agreement with Ukraine in the part of a deep and comprehensive free trade area until 2015. Hot water and heating are promised to be on by the end of October, although they are to be on by October 15. Ukrainians are scared as electricity blackouts are planned by authorities. "Epidemic" of mining of metro stations and malls in big cities continues. And this is perhaps the only stable index at this stage.

Prognosis

Civilized world gives Putin last chance - analyst, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. If Russia does not withdraw troops from the territory of Ukraine, mercenaries and military equipment, the further consequences for Russia and its economy will be disaster- guaranteed," political analyst Volodymyr Tsybulko says.

He said this in the "National Interest" program on the BTV.

"The mechanism of international economic sanctions against Russia has been launched. And soon to those, already existing, the new ones can be added, more stringent, if Russia does not take responsibility for its words," Tsybulko said.

"In fact, the civilized world gives President Vladimir Putin the last chance to stop. And if he does not win the situation back, including Crimea, future prospects for Russia are pretty predictable," the analyst says.

However, the main purpose of the ATO in Ukrainian Donbas is to win the minds of the people, not the territory.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/civilized_world_gives_putin_last_chance_analyst_326030

New wave of aggression from Russia will be October 15 - Serhiy Bondarchuk, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "We have very little time. October 15 will be a new wave of aggression on the part of the Russian Federation," former Director General of the Ukrspetsexport Serhiy Bondarchuk stressed on air of the Channel 5.

"The Kerch Strait will be closed, and the Crimean peninsula will become an island - and in fact it would be a humanitarian disaster, which Russia cannot allow. Russia will do everything in order to create a certain corridor, provide Crimea," the UNN quotes him.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new_wave_of_aggression_from_russia_will_be_october_15_serhiy_bondarchuk_326053

NBU: Inflation will speed up to 19% by end of this year, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "The National Bank of Ukraine estimates the devaluation of the hryvnia to the U.S. dollar on the interbank market in January-August at 66.9% and therefore forecasts the acceleration of inflation this year to 19%," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_inflation_will_speed_up_to_19_by_end_of_this_year_326193

Bankers call dollar rate at 13.5 UAH/USD as reasonable, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine and bankers made public an objective hryvnia rate at the level of 13.5 UAH/USD, despite an agreement at the beginning of September to keep it within 12.4-12.9 UAH/USD.

Head of the state-owned Ukrgasbank Serhiy Mamedov told reporters.

"It was said that the rate (of the hryvnia - Ed.) should be at the level of 13.5 UAH/USD. But there are no agreements that we are working at UAH 13.5 UAH/USD - this is the market," Mamedov said, speaking about the results of the second meeting of the regulator with the banking community.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bankers_call_dollar_rate_at_135_uahusd_as_reasonable_326225

Six parties have chance to get to Verkhovna Rada, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. If the parliamentary elections took place in September, six political parties would have a chance to overcome the threshold.

These data of the all-Ukrainian poll were aired at a press conference at Ukrinform by Director of the Institute of Social and Political Psychology of the Science Academy of Ukraine Mykola Sliusarevsky, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"As of today, according to results of the social survey, six political parties would have real chances to overcome a 5% threshold at the elections to the Verkhovna Rada: Bloc of Petro Poroshenko - 31.5% of the active electorate, which determined its choice; Radical Party of Oleh Liashko - 12.7%; People's Front - 8.1%; the all-Ukrainian Association Batkivshchyna - 7.9%; Civil Position - 6.6%; Strong Ukraine - 6.3%," Sliusarevsky noted.

According to him, Bloc of Petro Poroshenko leads in all regions of Ukraine. In addition, the prevailing majority of the interviewed (over 68%) supports decisions of the President to this or other extent to dissolve the parliament and to call the preterm elections.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/six_parties_have_chance_to_get_to_verkhovna_rada_326274

New parliament will not have strong parliamentary majority - expert, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. People's deputies of the future Verkhovna Rada will not take so polar positions in decision-making, as in the present one.

This opinion was expressed by political scientist and director of the sociological service Ukrainian Barometer Viktor Nebozhenko, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We will not really have a sharp division on the opposition and a strong parliamentary majority. In various cases, people will vote differently. This is true even for the masked supporters of the Party of Regions, who desperately want to avoid lustration," Nebozhenko said.

At the same time, he noted that, according to the "popular sociology," Block of Petro Poroshenko and the Radical Party have almost formed a so-called pro-presidential majority.

"I think they will be joined by Tihipko. And the disguised and secret Party of Regions swears allegiance to the President that goes on one-seat constituencies and people, who are in the Opposition Bloc and in the Strong Ukraine, and so on," says the analyst.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new_parliament_will_not_have_strong_parliamentary_majority_expert_326367

Over half of Ukrainians see Ukraine in NATO - poll, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. Some 52% of Ukrainian residents would support the country's accession to NATO in a national referendum if it were it held next Sunday, according to a survey conducted by GfK Ukraine on September 24-28, Dzerkalo Tyzhnia (Mirror Weekly) reported.

Some 19% opposed Ukraine's joining NATO, 18% said they would not vote at a referendum, and 10% were undecided.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_half_of_ukrainians_see_ukraine_in_nato_poll_326350

Statements of officials

Foreign Ministry does not rule out termination of diplomatic relations with Russia, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. A pragmatic approach must be to the issue of termination of diplomatic relations with Russia, but we "cannot rule out any scenario."

"The consequence of the termination of diplomatic relations will be to stop a dialogue. Then this dialogue will take place through intermediaries. We must treat this very practically - to distinguish between the emotion and our national interest," the UNN quoted his explanation.

"The hybrid war" being waged by Russia, showed that international institutions that are designed to protect global security should be developed much more quickly, the Deputy Foreign Minister Danylo Lubkivsky Minister said on air of the Hromadske TV.

"Russia, by breaking the Budapest Memorandum, challenged nuclear safety too," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_does_not_rule_out_termination_of_diplomatic_relations_with_russia_325792

Russia may continue attempts to annex Ukrainian territory - Steinmeier, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier does not rule out Russia may annex part of Ukrainian territory to ensure land access to Crimea and believes a threat of a direct military conflict between Russia and Ukraine is real.

According to the German diplomat, a new attempt by Russia to annex part of Ukraine is not ruled out, because it faces difficulty with making supplies to the illegally annexed peninsula.

However, "Russian land corridors would be the ones contradicting international law and worthy of condemnation as Russia's annexation of Crimea," Steinmeier said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_may_continue_attempts_to_annex_ukrainian_territory_steinmeier_325794

Turchynov urging to declare mourning for victims near Ilovaik, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov asked President Petro Poroshenko to declare national mourning for Ukrainian soldiers killed near Ilovaik.

The parliament's press service informs.

"Due to the tragic loss of defenders of Ukraine, who were surrounded near the city of Ilovaik, Donetsk region, I propose to declare mourning in the state," the statement says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_urging_to_declare_mourning_for_victims_near_ilovaik_325802

Russia carries out direct, overt aggression - Poroshenko, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Russia provides direct, overt aggression against Ukraine in recent days, President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said during celebrations of the Day of Knowledge at the Kyiv Ivan Bohun Military Lyceum, the press service of the President informs.

"The situation has ever more aggravated in recent days. Straight, overt aggression against Ukraine started on the part of the neighboring state. This radically changes the situation in a combat zone, sets new and more complex tasks to our security forces," he noted.

According to the President, Ukrainian soldiers show courage and heroism in defending independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. "They demonstrate high professionalism, patriotism, and most important - boundless devotion to Ukraine. Worthy examples of service to the Motherland are before you, because the ATO participants are your parents, brothers, relatives and friends," Poroshenko emphasized.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_carries_out_direct_overt_aggression_poroshenko_325806

NATO secretary general pledges support for Ukraine at highest level, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. NATO and Ukraine will discuss at a summit of the alliance the question of further support amid Russia's military aggression, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

"At the summit, we will meet with President [Petro] Poroshenko of Ukraine and make clear our support for Ukraine, as it is confronted by Russia's aggression," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_secretary_general_pledges_support_for_ukraine_at_highest_level_325817

Russia rejects consultations on Budapest memorandum - Klimkin, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Russia is rejecting consultations between the signatories of the Budapest memorandum, which foresees guarantees for Ukraine's territorial integrity. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said this at a joint press conference with his Norwegian counterpart Borge Brende, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

"We asked the signatories of the Budapest memorandum about urgent consultations. Of course, Russia does not want it," Klimkin said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_rejects_consultations_on_budapest_memorandum_klimkin_325818

Svoboda demands martial law from NSDC, President, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. The Svoboda faction demands from the National Security and Defense Council and President of Ukraine a presentation to the Verkhovna Rada on introduction of martial law in Donbas.

"Today, it is important to introduce martial law in Donbas. We demand from the NSDC and the President to submit a presentation, because martial law is the closest way to peace," Head of the Svoboda faction Oleh Tiahnybok said in his speech at the Verkhovna Rada.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/svoboda_demands_martial_law_from_nsdc_president_325822

Views of Poroshenko, Putin finally coincide - Peskov, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and President of Russia Vladimir Putin discussed the situation in Donbas by a telephone, their views largely coincide. Press Secretary of the Russian President Dmitry Peskov said, BBC informs.

According to Peskov, the Heads of state exchange opinions on what should be done for "the soonest stopping of the bloodshed on the south-east of Ukraine."

The views of Presidents of the two countries about possible ways out of the difficult crisis situation largely coincide, Peskov stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/views_of_poroshenko_putin_finally_coincide_peskov_325862

Poroshenko agrees with Putin on ceasefire, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has agreed during a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin on a ceasefire regime in Donbas, the press service of the Ukrainian president has reported.

"Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The conversation resulted in an agreement on a ceasefire regime in Donbas. Mutual understanding was achieved on the steps that would promote the establishment of peace," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_agrees_with_putin_on_lasting_ceasefire_325866

Peskov: Russia cannot physically cease fire, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. "Putin and Poroshenko really discussed the steps that would help cease fire between militias and Ukrainian security forces. Russia cannot physically agree on a ceasefire, because it is not a party to the conflict," Russian presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/peskov_russia_cannot_physically_cease_fire_325871

Ukraine to build wall on border with Russia, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. "We are launching the Wall project. The issue concerns the construction of a real wall on the border between Ukraine and the Russian Federation," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said at a government meeting.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_to_build_wall_on_border_with_russia_325874

Ukraine needs new defense doctrine - Yatseniuk, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. "The country needs a new defense doctrine with such a definition who is the aggressor and who is the threat. In the new defense doctrine Russia must

be recognized as the aggressor state and the main and the only state, which threatens territorial integrity and national integrity of Ukraine," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said, opening the government meeting on Wednesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_needs_new_defense_doctrine_yatseniuk_325880

Ukraine could substitute 60% of Russian gas - Yatseniuk, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. "In total, we can import 15 billion cubic meters - this is 60% of fuel import. We opened 10 billion cubic meters from Slovakia, 5 billion - from other sources. We substituted 60% of Russian gas," Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_could_substitute_60_of_russian_gas_yatseniuk_325889

Ukraine will not receive weapons from NATO - Head of Mission, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. "Our partners are not ready to give weapons yet, which are badly needed. Especially it comes to high-tech, high-precision weapons. We cannot use other reserves and resources that are in the North Atlantic alliance, because Ukraine is not a member of NATO," Head of the Ukrainian Mission to NATO Ihor Dolhov explained the situation.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_will_not_receive_weapons_from_nato_head_of_mission_325881

Obama: It's too early to tell what ceasefire in Donbas means, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. U.S. President Barack Obama has said it is still too early to interpret the meaning of a ceasefire, on which Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin agreed on Wednesday.

"It's too early to tell what this ceasefire means. We haven't seen any details; we've just seen a couple of wire reports," Obama said this at a joint press conference with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/obama_its_too_early_to_tell_what_ceasefire_in_donbas_means_325885

Obama says NATO must help strengthen Ukraine's military, 03.09.2014

BY BALAZS KORANYI, STEVE HOLLAND AND DAVID MARDISTE

(Reuters) - U.S. President Barack Obama urged NATO on Wednesday to help strengthen Ukraine's military and said the alliance must leave the door open to new members to counter what he called Russian aggression.

Obama was speaking in Estonia, one of three ex-Soviet Baltic states bordering Russia that fear separatist rebellion in eastern Ukraine could herald problems for them. All three have sizeable Russian minorities and rely on Russian fuel deliveries.

Obama, who will attend a NATO summit in Wales on Thursday, accused Russia of a 'brazen assault' on Ukraine, which for five months has been fighting pro-Russian separatists that Moscow describes as a defense force warding off Ukrainian aggressors.

"NATO must make concrete commitments to help Ukraine modernize and strengthen its security forces. We must do more to help other NATO partners, including Georgia and Moldova, strengthen their defenses as well," he said a speech to a packed concert hall in the Estonian capital.

"And we must reaffirm the principle that has always guided our alliance, for countries that meet our standards and that can make meaningful contributions to allied security, the door to NATO membership will remain open," he said after meeting the leaders of the three ex-Soviet Baltic states.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/03/us-ukraine-crisis-obama-idUSKBN0GY11P20140903>

Putin says about his plan "of seven points" on Donbas, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. President of Russia Vladimir Putin said that he offered his plan for settlement of the crisis in Ukraine.

He said this in Mongolia, September 3, answering questions about the contents of a telephone conversation with his Ukrainian counterpart Petro Poroshenko, ITAR-TASS reports.

According to Putin, the plan consists of seven points.

"In order to stop the bloodshed and stabilize the situation in southeastern Ukraine, I believe that the opposing parties must immediately agree and coordinate the following actions," Putin said. The first he called "cessation of active offensive operations of the militants' armed formations in the southeast of Ukraine in Donetsk and Luhansk areas."

All seven points are listed in the report of the Russian agency.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_says_about_his_plan_of_seven_points_on_donbas_325887

Australia to open embassy in Kyiv and consider 'non-lethal' military assistance to Ukraine, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. Australia will open an embassy to support nine Australian Federal Police investigators who are in Ukraine investigating the Malaysia Airlines MH17 tragedy. The country was also considering short-term humanitarian and non-lethal military assistance. ABC News informed on Wednesday, quoting Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott. "In the medium term, we are considering civil and military capacity-building assistance to that country (Ukraine-Ed.)"

He thanked for Ukraine's help in recovering the bodies of passengers on MH17, and said that Australia and Ukraine are geographically distant, but have grown close because of the tragedy. "The Government, and I believe the Australian people, would like to repay Ukraine for its support and friendship, especially as Ukraine continues to be subject to active destabilization and indeed outright invasion from Russia, a country it has never ever sought to harm," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/australia_to_open_embassy_in_kyiv_and_consider_non_lethal_military_assistance_to_ukraine_325869

OSCE finally registers shelling of Ukraine by Russia, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. "In the past weeks, artillery detonations and shootings had been heard only from western and northern directions; but throughout the week for the first time observer teams reported light and heavy caliber shootings from the east and south-east areas which are also bordering Ukraine," reads the report of the OSCE press office.

In addition, OSCE observers who are at the Gukovo and Donetsk checkpoints in Russia reported that from hosts groups of armed men regularly enter Ukraine from Russia, with injured military coming in the opposite direction.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_finally_registers_shelling_of_ukraine_by_russia_325894

Poroshenko, Putin responsible for whole of Europe - Steinmeier, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has called on Russia and Ukraine to cease the hostilities.

"The presidents of Ukraine and, first and foremost, Russia bear the greatest responsibility in this situation - not only for their people, but also for the whole of Europe," Steinmeier said.

He also added: "We are talking about preventing the formation of a new Iron Curtain."

"If further dramatic aggravation can still be prevented, then both sides now have to make decisive steps towards a lasting ceasefire and effective border control," Steinmeier said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_putin_responsible_for_whole_of_europe_steinmeier_325908

Ukraine loses 3.4 million tonnes of coal because of terrorists - Energy Ministry, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Many coalmines have been destroyed as a result of fighting in Ukraine's eastern regions, and the losses of coal needed for the country's energy security have already reached 3.4 million tonnes.

First Deputy Minister for Energy and Coal Industry Yuriy Ziukov said this on Thursday at a meeting of the coordinating council for the restoration of Ukrainian statehood in the Donbas and Crimea, which was held at Ukrinform.

"Over the period of the hostilities, which began in late April, we lost 3.4 million tonnes of coal, which could have been extracted at these enterprises, including 2.3 million tonnes of anthracite," Ziukov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_34_million_tonnes_of_coal_because_of_terrorists_energy_ministry_325916

Kerry to Poroshenko: We hope Russian troops will leave Ukraine, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. The United States will continue to support by all means the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and will continue to work hard to consolidate international efforts to support Ukraine.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said this at a meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in Wales on Thursday, the presidential press service reported.

Kerry said that the US hopes for a real ceasefire and that Russian troops will leave Ukraine. "That's our goal, and we're going to talk now about some of the details with respect to this challenge of how we really resolve a longer-term confrontation," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kerry_to_poroshenko_we_hope_russian_troops_will_leave_ukraine_325927

Contact Group signs protocol on ceasefire - media, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. The Trilateral Contact Group at a meeting in Minsk signed a preliminary protocol to the agreement on a ceasefire, which is to take effect on Friday, according to the Twitter page of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

"A preliminary protocol to the agreement on a ceasefire was signed in Minsk. The protocol is to enter into force on Friday," he said.

Representatives of the so-called DPR and LPR also confirmed the signing of the protocol.

According to them, the ceasefire in Donbas will take effect from 18.00 on Friday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/contact_group_signs_protocol_on_ceasefire_media_325935

Yatseniuk: Peace should be established on basis of Poroshenko's plan, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. Peace between Ukraine and Russia should be established on the basis of a plan offered by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, not his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

"Peace should be established on the basis of a plan offered by the Ukrainian, rather than Russian president, and it should be supported by the United States and the EU as our true allies. We need guarantees," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_peace_should_be_established_on_basis_of_poroshenkos_plan_325937

Poroshenko orders ceasefire from 18.00 on September 5, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President and Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Petro Poroshenko has ordered the chief of the General Staff to cease fire from 18.00 on September 5, the presidential press service has reported.

"Based on Russian President Vladimir Putin's call to the leaders of illegal armed formations in Donbas to cease fire and the signing of a protocol at a meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the Ukrainian president's peace plan, I order the chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to cease fire from 18.00 on September 5," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_orders_ceasefire_from_1800_on_september_5_325938

UN chief: Ukraine ceasefire requires credible verification, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has welcomed the news of a ceasefire in eastern Ukraine and called for its full implementation, while stressing the need for "credible verification" of this process, stated his spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

"Credible and comprehensive monitoring and verification are essential elements for successful implementation of the cease-fire and the peace plan. He encourages all who committed to the agreement to display good will and take concrete steps towards urgent, full and effective implementation," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/un_chief_ukraine_ceasefire_requires_credible_verification_325939

New EU sanctions against Russia to take effect on Monday, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has approved further strengthened restrictive measures against Russia, which will take effect on Monday, a senior EU official said.

He said that given the situation in Ukraine, the permanent representatives of the member countries of the Council of the EU approved a package of additional restrictive measures against Russia on September 5.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/new_eu_sanctions_against_russia_to_take_effect_on_monday_325943

Poroshenko: I am ready to fight for my country, like most Ukrainians, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has given an interview to the BBC's HARDtalk television program.

According to the BBC, the head of state talked with presenter Stephen Sackur on Friday afternoon, before the signing of a ceasefire agreement in Minsk.

"I am ready to fight for my country and even to die for it. And I assure you that a great number of residents of Ukraine also think so," Poroshenko said.

"I am confident that Ukraine as a state and me as the Ukrainian leader are doing everything possible to have peace in my country. I'm doing my best to stop the war and stop the massacre of Ukrainian civilians and Ukrainian forces," he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_i_am_ready_to_fight_for_my_country_like_most_ukrainians_325944

Poroshenko: Ukrainian troops will remain in their positions, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said that the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces will not withdraw troops from the positions taken earlier.

When asked by HARDtalk presenter Stephen Sackur whether the Ukrainian leadership is ready to withdraw troops from their positions in accordance with "Putin's plan," Poroshenko said: "We are not talking about the withdrawal of our troops, because it is our territory."

"We are in no way talking about a danger to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of my country," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_ukrainian_troops_will_remain_in_their_positions_325945

Barroso, Rompuy confirm urgent sanctions against Russia, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has agreed on new sanctions against Russia, which will be approved on Monday through written procedure.

"We would like to inform you of the steps taken to implement the Conclusions of the Special European Council of August 30, in which the European Council requested 'the Commission to urgently undertake preparatory work, jointly with the EEAS, and present proposals for consideration within a week' so as to enhance the EU's restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilizing eastern Ukraine," stated in a joint letter of European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, which was published on the website of the European Council.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/barroso_rompuy_confirm_urgent_sanctions_against_russia_325946

NATO supports international sanctions against Russia - summit decision, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. NATO countries expressed support for the international efforts to introduce restrictive measures against Russia due to its military aggression to Ukraine.

"While Russia continues to intervene militarily, arm separatists, and foment instability in Ukraine, we support the sanctions imposed by the European Union (EU), the G7, and others, which are an essential part of the overall international effort to address the destabilizing behavior of Russia," said the results of the NATO summit heads of state governments and countries.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_supports_international_sanctions_against_russia_summit_decision_325947

Medvedev says Ukraine should restore Donbas by itself, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine should restore Donbas by itself, if it is its region.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said in an interview with newspaper Vedomosti.

"As to what is happening in southeastern Ukraine in economic terms. Production facilities are destroyed there in addition to houses. And how they will be restored is a very big problem. But

Ukraine must deal with this, since Ukrainian authorities believe that these regions are a part of the country," he said.

However, Medvedev said that Russia intends to continue its humanitarian mission "to help the southeastern regions of Ukraine"...

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedev_says_ukraine_should_restore_donbas_by_itself_325956

Kuchma says violation of truce not contrary to Minsk agreements, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. "Is this the war? This is not the war - this is an exception. Dozens of people were killed in the war every day. And today, it is simply the violation of agreements. There is not a single example in the world that the agreement was signed and next day it was peace," Leonid Kuchma, ex-President of Ukraine said.

In his opinion, a protocol on the ceasefire in Donbas, signed September 5 in Minsk, is a "breakthrough" in peaceful settlement of the situation in the east. And further, according to Kuchma, the authorities must act, which should ensure implementation of all directions, outlined in the document.

"There is much work. The government, the parliament and the President should be responsible for this, since I am not even a government official. I undertook, perhaps, extra responsibility, signing such a document on a request from the incumbent President," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kuchma_says_violation_of_truce_not_contrary_to_minsk_agreements_325967

State budget loses almost UAH 4.5 billion due to war, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. Proceeds to the general fund of the budget fell by UAH 4.4 billion from Luhansk and Donetsk region, compared with the previous year, due to military operations in these regions, Chairman of the State Fiscal Service Ihor Bilous said.

"Due to the tense situation in Luhansk and Donetsk regions, there is a shortfall of UAH 4.4 billion to the general fund of the state budget against the previous year," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state_budget_loses_almost_uah_45_billion_due_to_war_325966

1,200 hostages released following ceasefire - Poroshenko, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. "After a ceasefire was announced, we managed to release 1,200 hostages. Glory to Ukraine!" the Head of Ukraine wrote on his Twitter while on a working visit to Mariupol.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/1200_hostages_released_following_ceasefire_poroshenko_325970

Merkel: Russia's involvement in Ukrainian conflict obvious, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that sanctions are the only means of influence on Russia, which supports terrorists in Ukraine.

"The sanctions are the only means of pressure on the Russian Federation. Russia's direct involvement in the Ukrainian conflict is very, very obvious, and its actions cannot be left without consequences. However, the German government has no doubt that this conflict cannot be resolved by military means," Merkel said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_russias_involvement_in_ukrainian_conflict_obvious_325977

Defense Ministry: Ukrainian military tortured before they were killed, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. Bodies of nine dead Ukrainian military were revealed in the ATO area with signs of tortures.

Head of the group of Civil and Military Cooperation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Oleksiy Nozdrachov told a press conference Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"The military were subject to tortures, their tied hands testify to that... their limbs were cut off, the experts say that this was done when the soldiers were alive, then they were killed with a shot to their head," Nozdrachov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/defense_ministry_ukrainian_military_tortured_before_they_were_killed_325983

Foreign Ministry: Signing of Minsk protocol does not mean legitimization of LPR and DPR, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. The signing in Minsk on September 5 by the Trilateral Contact Group of a protocol on a ceasefire in eastern Ukraine does not mean the legitimization of the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LPR), Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

"These agreements were reached on the basis of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. The protocol does not mention the so-called DPR and LPR, and citizens Zakharchenko [DPR Prime Minister Alexander Zakharchenko] and Plotnitsky [LPR leader Igor Plotnitsky] signed the protocol with no indication of their positions, so the signing of this protocol does not mean the legitimization of these illegal groups," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_signing_of_minsk_protocol_does_not_mean_legitimization_of_lpr_and_dpr_325991

Poroshenko: Minsk protocol does not envisage federalization of Donbas, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. The Minsk protocol does not envisage the federalization or alienation of Donbas.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this at an extended government meeting.

"The protocol foresees the restoration and preservation of Ukraine's sovereignty in the whole territory of the Donbas, including in the territory temporarily controlled by militants. This part will also return to Ukraine's legal field. I draw your attention to the fact that there can be no question about some federalization or alienation," Poroshenko said.

He also said that "such formations as LPR and DPR are not mentioned in the document at all."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_minsk_protocol_does_not_envisage_federalization_of_donbas_325998

Poroshenko: Russians withdraw 70% of military from Donbas, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "According to recent data of our intelligence, 70 percent of the Russian forces were withdrawn abroad. This is another hope that peaceful initiatives have a good perspective," Petro Poroshenko said at the government meeting.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_russians_withdraw_70_of_military_from_donbas_326001

Poroshenko: Better deputies from Donbas than war, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. Districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which are now controlled by militants and will receive a special status later, should participate in the early parliamentary elections. At the same time, the choice of residents on these territories should be respected, because it is better than the war. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said at an extended meeting of the Cabinet.

"I can agree, for sure, we will not be delighted by the composition of local deputies, who may be elected by residents of Luhansk and Donetsk at the preterm parliamentary elections. But isn't it better that the policy is decided by ballots instead of gunfire and Grad volleys?" he said.

The President is convinced there is no alternative to this approach. "We have to learn to recognize those, for whom [people] will vote in Donetsk and Luhansk. And build the state together," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_better_deputies_from_donbas_than_war_326005

Ukraine ready to hold gas talks with EU and Russia - Prodan, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "The holding of negotiations depends on three sides. It is necessary to agree on the terms and date of the meeting between the three sides. The Ukrainian side is ready for any date. Coordination is currently going on between the European Commission and the Russian side," Energy and Coal Industry Minister Yuriy Prodan said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_ready_to_hold_gas_talks_with_eu_and_russia_prodan_326009

About 200 people missing in ATO area, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "List of civilians, who disappeared without a trace, is ranging from 100 to 200 people," SBU Chairman Valentyn Nalyvaichenko told.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/about_200_people_missing_in_ato_area_326011

Merkel supports immediate implementation of sanctions against Russia, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called for immediate implementation of new sanctions against Russia, approved by the European Union. She said in the Bundestag on Wednesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Given the current situation, we advocate that these sanctions be published now. I hope that the decision will be taken soon," she said.

According to Merkel, sanctions can be lifted if the Minsk agreements are met.

The Chancellor reiterated that sanctions are not "an end in itself," and adopted only if they cannot be avoided.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_supports_immediate_implementation_of_sanctions_against_russia_326013

Poland stops gas reverse to Ukraine, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. Poland stopped reverse gas supplies to Ukraine, Ukrtransgas CEO Ihor Prokopiv told a round table, Ukranews informs.

"Today, Russia started to limit gas supplies to the Polish Republic, i.e. (with the aim) to terminate gas reverse from Poland, which we receive," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poland_stops_gas_reverse_to_ukraine_326017

Taruta calls Cabinet to Donbas, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "I proposed to hold the Cabinet meeting in Donbas. This is very important because a great number of problems has accumulated, related to the fact that combat actions are held here and the peaceful time procedure is violated. He (Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk - Ed.) says - in liberated Donetsk. I would like that he came next week. We have no time to postpone those issues, which are not solved by the government, therefore, we have to immediately hold the government meeting on the issues of Donbas," Head of the Donetsk Regional State Administration Serhiy Taruta believes.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/taruta_calls_cabinet_to_donbas_326020

Twenty-six more people released from captivity - Poroshenko, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "I have just been told that they have released six prisoners of war who were held in Horlivka, including a former employee of the Prosecutor General's Office and the director of a children's boarding house. Twenty servicemen who were held in Donetsk have also been released," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/twenty_six_more_people_released_from_captivity_poroshenko_326024

Parliament has votes for cancellation of Ukraine's non-aligned status - speaker, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov has called for the abolition of Ukraine's non-aligned status and said that there are enough votes in parliament in favor of this decision, the parliament's press service has reported.

"I think that one of the decisions that should be made by parliament in the next few days is the cancellation of the legislative provision on Ukraine's non-aligned status, which was pushed through by [former President Viktor] Yanukovich with a gross violation of the rules of procedure. This was done under Moscow's dictation. Ukraine should pave the way for entry into NATO. Only the Euro-Atlantic collective security system can stop such an aggressor as Russia," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/parliament_has_votes_for_cancellation_of_ukraines_non_aligned_status_speaker_326027

Turchynov: Kyiv will not declare part of Donbas occupied territory, 11.09.2014

"We need not to declare something, but to liberate the territory. And our task is not to turn Donbas into a frozen conflict zone. Any actions in the east can be considered only from this viewpoint. Therefore I rule out a format in which Ukraine would agree to Russia controlling part of Donetsk and Luhansk regions," Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov said in an interview with the Focus magazine.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/222895.html>

Turchynov calls on PACE to continue pressurizing Russia, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov and PACE President Anne Brasseur have discussed in Oslo the question of Russian aggression against Ukraine, the speaker's press office has reported.

"This is a crucial moment now. Russia aims not to reach peace in Ukraine but to destabilize the situation. However, there is a possibility to force Russia to stop its aggression. That is why it is important to continue exerting pressure on Russia until all Russian weapons and its service members are withdrawn from the territory of Ukraine, and until all the provocations and shelling of our territory are stopped and strict control on the Ukrainian-Russian border is resumed," Turchynov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_calls_on_pace_to_continue_pressurizing_russia_326042

Poroshenko calls on world's democracies to unite in fight against terrorism, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. Today, when the world commemorates the victims of terrible terrorist attacks in New York in 2011, Ukraine suffers from a new wave of terrorism, in the fight against which all of the world's democracies should unite.

"The crash of the MH17 plane proved that terrorism is a tumor whose spread is dangerous to the human race. All of the world's democracies should unite their efforts in combating this problem," Poroshenko said.

He said that the security guarantees that were given to Ukraine, including the Budapest Memorandum, were not working. "International legal mechanisms were powerless to prevent aggression against Ukraine. We should find a solution together in various multilateral formats - NATO, the European Union, the United Nations - as to how maintain peace and stability in the world," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said at a ceremony to present credentials to the ambassadors of several countries on Thursday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_calls_on_worlds_democracies_to_unite_in_fight_against_terrorism_326043

US, Canada cancel joint military exercises with Russia over situation in Ukraine, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. The authorities of the United States and Canada have canceled the Vigilant Eagle joint military exercise with Russia due to the situation in Ukraine, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) spokesman Sgt. Charles Marsh told this to U.S. newspaper Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

He said that the decision to suspend the exercise, at least for 2014, had been taken by U.S. Department of Defense officials and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_canada_cancel_joint_military_exercises_with_russia_over_situation_in_ukraine_326047

Turchynov: Europe must continue to put pressure on Russia, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "Ukraine is grateful for support of the international community, for strong condemnation of Russia's military aggression and the imposition of sanctions.

However, we call on the international community to take further urgent and effective measures to stop the aggression of Russia, which is a cynical disregard of the fundamental principles and norms of international law," Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Oleksandr Turchynov said in his speech at the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament "Democracy, sovereignty and security in Europe" in Oslo, the press service of the Verkhovna Rada informs.

He noted that the cost of a further delay is an increase in the number of casualties, including among the civilian population, responsibility for which rests solely with Russian invaders.

"Hence, an idea of increasing pressure on Russia with new sanctions does not lose its relevance after Minsk. Unstable truce and a forced ceasefire can be replaced with a reliable long-term stability and peace only under conditions of complete withdrawal of regular Russian troops and mercenaries, together with equipment and weapons from the territory of Ukraine, establishment of solid and rigid control of the border between the two countries," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/turchynov_europe_must_continue_to_put_pressure_on_russia_326060

Poroshenko says how Ukraine will return Crimea, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "They say we lost Crimea. No, we have an invasion of Crimea. But Crimea will be again with us. Not necessarily with the military means," President Petro Poroshenko stressed during the 11th Annual Meeting of the Yalta European Strategy (YES).
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_says_how_ukraine_will_return_crimea_326055

Europe cannot be European Union without Ukraine - Poroshenko, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "I personally believe that Europe cannot simply be the European Union without Ukraine," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said this in Kyiv on Friday during the 11th annual meeting of the Yalta European Strategy (YES).
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/europe_cannot_be_european_union_without_ukraine_poroshenko_326059

Crisis in Donbas long moves beyond Ukraine - Nazarbayev, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. The effects of the crisis in Ukrainian Luhansk and Donetsk regions "have long gone" beyond Ukraine. Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev said in his speech at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Dushanbe this Friday. "The situation in Ukraine is a serious concern to us all. The effects of the crisis have long gone beyond this country. The situation in eastern Ukraine requires immediate measures and actions. The only long-term solution to the problem is a political dialogue and consensus," he said. Nazarbayev also stressed the importance of the "Minsk meeting" in resolving the situation in eastern Ukraine on August 26, in the format of Customs Union states-Ukraine-EU. It was then, he said, that the first bilateral meeting took place between the presidents of Russia and Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and Vladimir Putin.

"We hope that the good will and constructive attitude of the parties will contribute to the implementation of specific steps within the Minsk Protocol of the Contact Group on September 5, 2014," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/crisis_in_donbas_long_moves_beyond_ukraine_nazarbayev_326064

Putin says SCO countries agree with him on Ukrainian issue, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. Leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) China, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia) shared their views on the situation in Luhansk and Donetsk regions of Ukraine.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his speech at the SCO summit in Dushanbe.

"At a meeting in a narrow membership, the SCO leaders discussed some issues on the international agenda, including the situation in Ukraine. Very pleased that our approaches in key areas of cooperation were identical or similar," he said.

According to Putin, "these common views" appear in the Dushanbe Declaration, adopted by Heads of State of the SCO summit.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_says_sco_countries_agree_with_him_on_ukrainian_issue_326067

Tymoshenko wants Europe to impose very strong sanctions on Kremlin, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "We must switch to short-term, but extremely strong sanctions that can have a rather powerful influence on the aggressor and stop it for a few weeks, and against this background it is necessary to hold substantive negotiations," Batkivshchyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko said at a Yalta European Strategy (YES) forum in Kyiv.

In her opinion, long-term and weak sanctions lead to the economic and financial exhaustion of large companies in Europe, but do not drastically affect Russian President Vladimir Putin's policies.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tymoshenko_wants_europe_to_impose_very_strong_sanctions_on_kremlin_326081

Ukraine will not negotiate with Russia "tete-a-tete" - Premier, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "It is too early to say that we agree on something clearly (in Minsk - Ed.). Only the first step was taken in order to pave the way for a future peaceful solution. Frankly, an idea to hold bilateral talks and reach bilateral agreements with Russia - is

not the best idea. I support the so-called Geneva format with the United States, the EU, Ukraine and Russia. We are not strong enough to negotiate on a bilateral basis. The Russians will replay us, they want it. Putin wants to have another frozen conflict to keep his hands firmly on Ukraine," Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Yalta European Strategy YES.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_will_not_negotiate_with_russia_tete_a_tete_premier_326085

Yatseniuk, Poroshenko will go to elections separately, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk will participate in the parliamentary elections separately from the party "Block of Petro Poroshenko."

"We were to run for the parliament together with the President, but the party of President Petro Poroshenko - I was not satisfied. So, we are at different camps, but have a combined consolidated position for change, for reforms," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_poroshenko_will_go_to_elections_separately_326086

Yatseniuk says about third step of Putin, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk is convinced that Russian leader Vladimir Putin is now trying to create a frozen conflict in Donbas to pave a corridor through Odesa to Transnistria.

"I clearly understand the ultimate goal of Vladimir Putin - not just to take Donetsk and Luhansk, his purpose is Ukraine as a whole. He cannot accept the fact that Ukraine will become a part of the large European community, he wants to restore the Soviet Union," Yatseniuk said.

The first step of Putin, according to Yatseniuk, was annexation of Crimea, the second - creation of the frozen conflict in Donbas.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_about_third_step_of_putin_326088

Yatseniuk says about NATO membership, remembering Bible, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "We must clearly recognize that, in these particular circumstances, NATO is the only way to protect Ukraine," Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said within the frames of the 11th Annual Meeting of Yalta European Strategy YES in Kyiv.

According to him, not all NATO members are satisfied with this position of Ukraine.

"In the short term, NATO is not ready to accept Ukraine, but the Bible says: if knocking on the door - the door will open. So we decided to knock," the head of the government said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_about_nato_membership_remembering_bible_326089

Yatseniuk: Government to begin implementation of "association" immediately, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "The agreement will be ratified. It will take effect. The government will make implementation of this Agreement on the first day after the Agreement enters into force. No one will wait for anything," Prime Minister of Ukraine Yatseniuk said.

<http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/326092>

Russia illegally brings humanitarian cargo to Ukraine - NSDC, 13.09.2014

Spokesman for the Information and Analytical Center of the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko has said that Ukrainian representatives were given no opportunity to inspect the Russian humanitarian convoy that arrived in Luhansk on Saturday.

"Tonight, in violation of the established procedure of border and customs clearance, in the absence of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Russian side has carried out the illegal transfer of so-called humanitarian cargo through the Donetsk (Russian Federation) – Izvaryne (Ukraine) checkpoint. Ukrainian border guards and customs officers were not allowed to check and issue clearance for the cargo and the vehicles.

Representatives of the Red Cross do not accompany the cargo, its contents are unknown," he said at a briefing in Kyiv on Saturday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/223428.html>

Poland not against selling weapons to Ukraine, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. Poland now does not sell weapons to Ukraine, but is not against cooperation with Kyiv in this area.

Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland Tomasz Siemoniak said in an interview with Polish Radio "Jedynka."

"I hope to negotiate on this case (arms sales - Ed.). I think the less conversations on this topic, the better. These are questions that need to be addressed, but not speculated about it in the media," Siemoniak said.

He informed that he will hold negotiations on military cooperation with Defense Minister of Ukraine Valeriy Heletey, who is soon to visit Poland.

Commenting on Heletey's words that one country has been supplying weapons to Ukraine, Siemoniak stressed that "it is not Poland."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poland_not_against_selling_weapons_to_ukraine_326108

EU will never recognize 'elections' in Crimea - statement, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. "The European Union continues to condemn the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and will not recognize it. In view of reports about local 'elections' having taken place in Crimea and Sevastopol, we recall that the European Union recognizes neither the legal framework nor the legitimacy of these 'elections,'" the EU said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_will_never_recognize_elections_in_crimea_statement_326112

Poroshenko says how his plan will stop war in Donbas, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has called on MPs to take with special responsibility the consideration in parliament of the bills proposed by him regarding a peace plan for the settlement of the situation in Donbas, the presidential press service has reported.

At a meeting with the leaders of parliamentary factions and groups the head of state noted "special relevance of the issues of the peace plan."

Poroshenko recalled that the key elements of the peace plan were the question of the special status of separate districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, "which in fact are elements of decentralization with the full and unconditional observance of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of our state, and with the guaranteed maintenance of all of the basic attributes, including the foreign, security and legal policy."

He drew attention to the fact that special status was clearly determined in time - three years.

"During this time we will be able to introduce the issue of profound decentralization which must also provide for respective amendments to the Constitution," he said.

Speaking of his draft law on amnesty, the head of state noted that the amnesty would not relate to criminals who had committed crimes under the articles of the Criminal Code regarding deliberate murder, terrorism, attempted murder of statesman, law enforcer, judge, rape, pillage, abuse of the dead bodies, vandalism and a series of other articles that should ensure the integrity of the state.

"The rest of the articles - and it is an absolutely normal world practice - are an instrument that allows introducing political implementation of the peace establishment program. There is nothing more important for us than peace. These are the key positions that will ensure it. Please note that the disruption of the given process will end up with unforeseen consequences. Each of you can understand what type of consequences," Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_says_how_his_plan_will_stop_war_in_donbas_326114

PM vows not to delay implementation of Association Agreement, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. "The agreement with the EU was signed... This agreement will be ratified by all members of the Ukrainian parliament. I hope that the constitutional majority of people's deputies of Ukraine will vote for it to become a law of Ukraine. The president will sign

it, and regardless of any statements coming from various capitals - we have only one capital, Kyiv - the government will start implementing the agreement from the first day," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this on the Freedom of Speech program aired by the ICTV television channel late on Monday he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pm_vows_not_to_delay_implementation_of_association_agreement_326116

Russia using ceasefire to regroup its forces - Fule, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. Russian troops were still in Ukraine and that the Russian armed forces were using the ceasefire to regroup, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy Stefan Fule said this during a debate in the European Parliament on the situation in Ukraine in Strasbourg on Tuesday.

He noted that a flow of fighters, weapons and other military equipment from Russia to Ukraine continued through the part of the border not controlled by the Ukrainian authorities.

Fule said that in such circumstances, the EU would provide full and constant support to Ukraine and would continue to exert pressure on Russia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_using_ceasefire_to_regroup_its_forces_fule_326117

Russia to send troops to Crimea as NATO holds exercises in Ukraine, 16.09.2014

(Reuters) - Russia threatened to send more troops to its newly-annexed territory of Crimea on Tuesday, after NATO began exercises in western Ukraine while Kiev's forces are fighting pro-Russian separatists in the east.

"The situation in Ukraine has escalated sharply and the presence of foreign military has increased in the immediate vicinity of our borders," Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

"The deployment of proper and self-sufficient forces to Crimea is one of (our) top priorities."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/16/us-ukraine-crisis-crimea-idUSKBN0HB1ON20140916>

More Russian troops in Crimea would undermine Ukraine ceasefire-NATO, 16.09.2014

(Reuters) - Any increase in Russian troops in Ukraine's Crimea region would raise tensions and undermine the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, NATO said on Tuesday.

Russia earlier said it might send more troops to its newly-annexed territory of Crimea, citing the presence of foreign military near Russia's borders.

"We have seen reports that Russia intends to increase its troop presence in Crimea. Such a move can only increase tensions and it will further undermine the ceasefire currently in place as well as the security of the region which Russian actions have gravely eroded," NATO spokeswoman Oana Lungescu said by email.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/16/us-ukraine-crisis-nato-crimea-idUSKBN0HB23U20140916>

Schultz signs ratification letter, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. European Parliament President Martin Schulz has signed a letter informing the Ukrainian side about the completion of the ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, Ukrinform's correspondent has reported.

"I also signed the letter regarding the entry into force of this decision. This is a signal of solidarity of the European Parliament to the Ukrainian parliament and people," Schulz said in Strasbourg on Tuesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/schultz_signs_ratification_letter_326124

NATO not recognizing 'elections' in Crimea, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. "We continue to condemn Russia's illegal and illegitimate 'annexation' of Crimea and its continued and deliberate destabilization of eastern Ukraine in violation of international law," NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

He also called on Russia to reverse the occupation of Crimea.

"We stand united in our support of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders," Rasmussen said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_not_recognizing_elections_in_crimea_326126

Merkel asks Putin to remove troops from Ukraine, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said during a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin last night that Russian troops should be completely removed from Ukraine.

This was stated by German government spokesman Steffen Seibert.

"The federal chancellor said that the complete withdrawal of Russian troops and the effective protection of the Russian-Ukrainian state border are key elements for a sustainable solution to the conflict," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/merkel_asks_putin_to_remove_troops_from_ukraine_326127

Concentration of Russian troops in Crimea destabilizes Black Sea region - Foreign Ministry, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. The concentration of Russian troops in Crimea and statements by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on the deployment of a proper military grouping in the Crimean direction are destabilizing the situation in the whole Black Sea region, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has said.

"Having created on a part of Ukraine's sovereign territory a 'gray zone,' which de facto is not covered by current multilateral agreements in the field of arms control, the Russian Federation continues to increase its military presence in Crimea and create there a military grouping with unclear objectives. The reasons for such military preparations declared by the Russian minister - the increased foreign military presence near the Russian border and the worsening situation in Ukraine - are beneath criticism," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/concentration_of_russian_troops_in_crimea_destabilizes_black_sea_region_foreign_ministry_326135

24 Ukrainian MPs to attend Russian Duma meeting, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. 24 deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will attend a meeting of the State Duma Wednesday.

"Today, in the second half of the day, 24 courageous deputies of the Verkhovna Rada will be guests at our meeting in the second half of the day, who set up a deputy group "For peace and stability," Head of the State Duma Committee on CIS affairs Leonid Slutsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/24_ukrainian_mps_to_attend_russian_duma_meeting_326137

Canada announces more sanctions against Russia, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. Canada has announced the introduction of new economic and visa restrictions against four Russian generals, as well as new economic sanctions against five Russian companies and one financial institution, according to a statement made by Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird.

"Despite the efforts by [Ukrainian] President [Petro] Poroshenko to end the violence in eastern Ukraine, the Putin regime's military aggression continues. For example, today we are seeing reports that President Putin has ordered a surge of troops in Crimea, and we have seen no evidence of progress on our calls for the Putin regime to end its support to the armed militants fomenting violence," Baird said.

"Canada will continue to stand in steadfast support of the Ukrainian people as they struggle for peace and freedom against this aggression. The sanctions imposed in coordination with our other allies are without a doubt having an effect on the Russian economy. Canada stands prepared to move farther with our allies and partners to hold the Putin regime accountable," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/canada_announces_more_sanctions_against_russia_326138

NATO: Four Russian battalion task groups remain in Ukraine, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. Four Russian battalion task groups currently remain in Ukraine, NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe Philip Breedlove has said, according to Radio Liberty.

He said that despite the fact that Russia had withdrawn part of its troops from Ukraine, they

remained close to the border.

"From a peak of well over ten battalion task groups inside of Ukraine, I believe we're now down to elements of probably four battalion task groups inside Ukraine. The Russians have been removing forces to the east of the Ukrainian border back into Russia, but make no mistake -- those forces are close enough to be quickly brought back to bear if required," Breedlove said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nato_four_russian_battalion_task_groups_remain_in_ukraine_326141

Government approves plan for implementation of Association Agreement with EU, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. "The Ukrainian government today adopts the decision to approve the plan for the implementation of the Association Agreement with the EU. We have set very ambitious terms: the agreement must be fully implemented by 2017," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

He said that such a short time was due to the desire to quickly adapt national legislation to European standards.

"The sooner we make changes, the sooner the European Union will see that we actually implemented the agreement and the sooner we will have a chance to apply for EU membership and say that we meet the criteria, we signed the agreement, we implemented it, and in accordance with Article 49 of the [EU] Treaty, Ukraine may apply for membership of the European Union," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_approves_plan_for_implementation_of_association_agreement_with_eu_326143

Russia wants to deliver third humanitarian convoy by weekend, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations is prepared to send the third "humanitarian aid" to the southeast of Ukraine by the end of the week, said deputy head of the Ministry Vladimir Stepanov.

"The Emergency Ministry is ready to send the third humanitarian aid to southeast Ukraine at the end of this week," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_wants_to_deliver_third_humanitarian_convoy_by_weekend_326142

Yatseniuk promises response measures if Russia imposes trade restrictions, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. "We must prepare for the fact that Russia will still introduce trade restrictions. Therefore I want to officially say that as soon as Russia introduces trade restrictions against Ukraine, we will immediately take mirror measures, on the same day," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_promises_response_measures_if_russia_imposes_trade_restrictions_326144

Ukraine may apply to become EU member - European Parliament resolution, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. The European Parliament has again recognized and reaffirmed the prospect of Ukraine as a European country to obtain membership of the European Union in future, in accordance with Article 49 of the EU Treaty.

This is stated in a resolution "On the situation in Ukraine and the state of play of EU-Russia relations," which was approved in Strasbourg on Thursday.

"[The EP] reiterates its view, in this respect, that this agreement does not constitute the final goal in EU-Ukraine relations; points out, furthermore, that pursuant to Article 49 TEU, Ukraine - like any other European state - has a European perspective and may apply to become a member of the European Union provided it adheres to the principles of democracy, respects fundamental freedoms and human and minority rights, and ensures the rule of law," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_may_apply_to_become_eu_member_european_parliament_resolution_326168

Canada ready to join post-war reconstruction of Donbas, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has met in Ottawa with Governor General of Canada David Johnston, the Ukrainian leader's press service reported. Poroshenko noted Canada's special historical role in the development of Ukraine as an

independent democratic state, as well as traditionally friendly bilateral relations that have a real nature of distinctive partnership.

He expressed gratitude for political support and economic assistance provided by Canada to Ukraine for many years and noted close interpersonal contacts that connect the two countries.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/canada_ready_to_join_post_war_reconstruction_of_donbas_326158

OSCE starts monitoring elections in Ukraine, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Andriy Olefirov has met with the head of the OSCE/ODIHR observation mission for early parliamentary elections in Ukraine, Cayetana de Zulueta, the press service of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has reported. "Ukraine wants to ensure fairness and transparency of the elections for the Verkhovna Rada. We hope that objective and impartial conclusions of the OSCE/ODIHR mission will assist us in this," Olefirov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_starts_monitoring_elections_in_ukraine_326169

MEPs welcome Ukrainian president's laws for Donbas, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. The European Parliament has welcomed the laws on a special local government order in certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions and on amnesty, which were adopted on September 16 under a motion from President Petro Poroshenko.

This is stated in a European Parliament resolution "On the situation in Ukraine and the state of play of EU-Russia relations," which was approved in Strasbourg on Thursday.

"[The European Parliament] notes the laws on special status for some districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions and on amnesty adopted by the Verkhovna Rada on September 16 as an important contribution to de-escalation within the implementation of the President of Ukraine's Peace Plan," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/meps_welcome_ukrainian_presidents_laws_for_donbas_326172

Sikorski: Kyiv gives up, Europe retreats, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Official Kyiv and the European Union were subject to the argument of force from terrorists in eastern Ukraine.

"Obviously, Kyiv surrendered because it wanted to return both regions, as it had a right for this, but could not do it because of the Russian invasion. The EU also retreated, as a few months ago there argued that the issue of the Association Agreement with Ukraine is bilateral in nature," Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said, Polish Radio informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sikorski_kyiv_gives_up_europe_retreats_326157

Kazakhstan says it will not send troops to Ukraine, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. "Some Facebook users spread information about the alleged planned sending of military of some units of the Armed Forces of Kazakhstan to Ukraine. This message is incorrect. In today's international environment, spread of such rumors can be regarded as a provocation," the Kazakhstan Ministry of Defense noted in a statement on FB.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kazakhstan_says_it_will_not_send_troops_to_ukraine_326163

German intelligence: Russia supplies air defense systems to Donbas, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Russia supplies the newest air defense systems to militants in eastern Ukraine.

The Bundestag received such information from the German Federal Intelligence Service (BND) at the request of a member of the Government Committee for Defense from the Left Party, Alexander Neu, Deutsche Welle reported, referring to the Bild newspaper.

"The issue concerns the Russian Pantsir self-propelled surface-to-air missile and anti-aircraft artillery weapon systems. They were seen in Ukraine's eastern regions on August 15 and 25. In response to a deputy inquiry the government in Berlin says that the detected air defense systems are not in service with the Ukrainian army," the report states.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/german_intelligence_russia_supplies_air_defense_systems_to_donbas_326160

Komorowski: Russia digs ditch with blood and hatred, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. The Kremlin has made a huge mistake, digging a ditch of hatred between Russians and Ukrainians.

"Russia has made a terrible mistake in terms of its own interests. It dug a ditch, additionally filling it with blood, negative attitude, hatred, sense of injustice on the part of Ukrainians. A single Ukrainian will not accept for long the words of Russians about the fraternal people," Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/komorowski_russia_digs_ditch_with_blood_and_hatred_326162

Putin threatened to 'take' European capitals in two days - media, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that he could bring Russian troops not only to Kyiv, but also to a number of European cities.

This is stated in a summary of the European External Action Service, Germany's *Suddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper reported.

According to the newspaper, Putin said this in a conversation with President Petro Poroshenko. Poroshenko, in turn, retold that to European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_threatened_to_take_european_capitals_in_two_days_media_326165

EP urges EU to cancel South Stream agreement and disconnect Russian banks, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. The European Parliament has called on EU member states to cancel the planned conclusion of agreements with Russia in the energy sector, including the construction of the South Stream gas pipeline, as well as to disconnect the country's banks from the SWIFT international interbank system of information transfer and payments.

This is stated in a European Parliament resolution "On the situation in Ukraine and the state of play of EU-Russia relations," which was approved in Strasbourg on Thursday.

"[The European Parliament] calls on the Member States to cancel planned agreements with Russia in the energy sector, including the South Stream gas pipeline," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ep_urges_eu_to_cancel_south_stream_agreement_and_disconnect_russian_banks_326166

Poroshenko asks US to provide military aid to Ukraine, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "I urge America to help us and to rise and be equal to its natural and manifest role - I urge America to lead the way," President Petro Poroshenko said.

He said that Ukraine needs not only political, but also armed support. The president said that the country needs a strong modern army. "I strongly encourage the United States to give Ukraine special, non-allied partner status. I also ask that the United States be forceful and stand by its principles with respect to further sanctions against the aggressor," Poroshenko said at a joint session of the U.S. Congress in Washington.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_asks_us_to_provide_military_aid_to_ukraine_326176

US to continue exerting pressure on Russia - Obama, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "We are going to continue to seek to mobilize the international community to say to Russia that Ukraine desires to have a good relationship with all of its neighbors, both east and west," U.S. President Barack Obama said at a meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in the White House.

He said that Russia should not dictate to Kyiv its ability to work effectively with other partners in order to better the situation for the Ukrainian people.

In addition, Obama said, the United States is going "to continue to help to mobilize the international community towards a diplomatic solution [to the conflict in Ukraine]."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_to_continue_exerting_pressure_on_russia_obama_326179

US to give Ukraine \$1 bln in financial guarantees, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "We agreed with Barack Obama that Ukraine will receive another \$1 billion in financial guarantees from the United States," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko wrote on his Twitter page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_to_give_ukraine_1_bln_in_financial_guarantees_326183

Medvedev signs law imposing duties on Ukrainian goods, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. After ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, Russian Prime Minister Medvedev signed a law on the duties introduction on Ukrainian goods. "We are ready to accept the temporary postponement of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, but we won't accept the early effect of certain provisions of this document," Medvedev said at an investment forum in Sochi.

He said that the duties would be imposed if Ukraine starts applying economic articles of the association agreement with the EU before January 1, 2016.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/medvedev_signs_law_imposing_duties_on_ukrainian_goods_326187

Komorowski: Ukraine - key to Russia, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "In my opinion, a key to Russia, and, consequently, to prospects of good business with Russia that we all want also in Poland, is Ukraine," Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski said.

"If Ukraine succeeds, I am convinced that the number of young people will increase every year in Russia, especially business people, who will say: if Ukraine succeeded, then we also can, and that we need to work at it," Komorowski stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/komorowski_ukraine_key_to_russia_326189

Poroshenko says why US refused to grant special ally status to Ukraine, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. The level of bilateral cooperation between Ukraine and the United States in the field of security and defense has already exceeded the level of cooperation of countries that have the status of a major non-NATO ally (MNNA) of the United States.

"He said no, because we already have a special status for the level of cooperation between the United States and Ukraine. The level of security and defense cooperation is much higher than just the status of a major non-NATO ally," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_says_why_us_refused_to_grant_special_ally_status_to_ukraine_326195

Poroshenko discloses causes of tragedy near Ilovaisk, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. A three-day delay in the arrival of reinforcements and the escape of some military units have led to the tragedy near Ilovaisk where a number of Ukrainian army units were surrounded and sustained significant losses when leaving the encirclement.

"The first [cause of what happened] was the surrender of positions, which helped encircle the military. The second cause - now I can say this - is that a strike group on restoring combat capacity, which had to come to the rescue, arrived three days later... If it went according to plan, our actions would differ dramatically," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_discloses_causes_of_tragedy_near_ilovaisk_326207

US urges Russia to de-escalate situation in Donbas before G20 summit in November, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has urged Russia to take steps to resolve the situation in Donbas before the G20 summit, which is to be held in Australia in November. He said that he expected such steps from Russia.

"I think what's clear is that the goal between now and November is for this to be resolved so that these issues are on a path towards improvement, and it is quite a way from now until November," U.S. media quoted Lew as saying.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/us_urges_russia_to_de_escalate_situation_in_donbas_before_g20_summit_in_november_326210

The Economist calls postponement of free trade Kyiv's defeat, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. The postponement of a free trade area between Ukraine and the EU is a defeat of Kyiv, Britain's Economist magazine has reported.

British journalists, in an article "Win some, lose more," state that no one doubts the defeat of Ukraine. The only thing that can save the country is the creation of a strong political and economic state.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/the_economist_calls_postponement_of_free_trade_kyivs_defeat_326212

Up to 65% of Ukrainian military hardware destroyed in Donbas - Poroshenko, 22.09.2014
KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. "I can tell you how many dozens of pieces of equipment come every day to military units to restore combat capability. I can say this, because it no longer exists. Some 60-65% of military hardware from the units that stood on the front lines has been destroyed. They had nothing to defend them with. Now they already have it," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/up_to_65_of_ukrainian_militaryHardware_destroyed_in_donbas_poroshenko_326213

Donbas not to influence Ukraine's foreign policy - Poroshenko, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. "There are and there will be no super-powers there [in some districts of Donbas]. There are and there can be no issues when any territory of Ukraine may influence foreign or domestic policy and jeopardize sovereignty, territorial integrity or unity," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said.

He said that these issues "are not put up for auction."

"Ukraine does not sell independence," Poroshenko said, adding that now a war is going on for Ukraine's independence.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donbas_not_to_influence_ukraines_foreign_policy_poroshenko_326214

MEP: Russian troops in Ukraine, Kremlin lies, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. The EU and NATO have evidence that regular Russian troops are involved in military operations in eastern Ukraine, although the Kremlin denies it.

MEP Johannes Cornelis van Baalen said this in an interview with Deutsche Welle.

"We have satellite images. We've already heard from the Kremlin that there are no Russian troops in Crimea and that now they are not in eastern Ukraine. However, everyone knows that it's a lie. The EU has evidence, NATO has evidence, but [Russian President Vladimir] Putin will equally refute and deny it. Although if there are no Russian troops in Ukraine, then why are there the bodies of dead Russian soldiers? From where do those wounded come to hospitals in Rostov and St. Petersburg? This is nonsense," van Baalen said.

According to the politician, the Russian authorities are engaged in propaganda, which many people believe, and Putin will continue to do what he likes: send troops or withdraw them.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mep_russian_troops_in_ukraine_kremlin_lies_326215

Poland ready to export weapons to Ukraine, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. Poland is ready to sell weapons to Ukraine if necessary.

"I confirm that the Polish arms industry has an interest in this area," Polish Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak said.

He said that Poland manufacturers a "range of products" that may be of interest to Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poland_ready_to_export_weapons_to_ukraine_326219

West is wrong that Russia does not reach NATO's borders - expert, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/.

"The West hopes that all conflict (between Ukraine and Russia - Ed.) will be resolved before NATO's borders, this is its poor judgment," Director of the Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Valentyn Badrak said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/west_is_wrong_that_russia_does_not_reach_natos_borders_expert_326223

Putin wants to leave Russian banks in Ukraine, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. "Of course, we need to continue work, primarily, because Russian financial institutions hold more than 30% in the banking sector of Ukraine, and if we are to suspend this work, it will be an extra large, very serious blow to the Ukrainian economy. And we are not interested in this," the Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a meeting with VTB Bank CEO Andrey Kostin, responding to Kostin's arguments that VTB incurs losses in Ukraine, Kremlin press service reported.

According to Putin, in spite of any difficulties encountered in work on the Ukrainian market, Russian banks must continue work.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/putin_wants_to_leave_russian_banks_in_ukraine_326231

Yatseniuk says Ukraine will ensure gas transit, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "I want to assure you that Ukraine is a strong transit country. We will ensure transit. And for this reason we ask our European partners to have direct relations with Ukrainian companies engaged in gas transit, and it follows from the third energy package. And this is what we all need - to have direct relations. Ukraine is ready to implement and execute all its commitments signed between Ukraine and the European Union," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this while opening the 12th meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community in Kyiv.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_ukraine_will_ensure_gas_transit_326237

Tymoshenko: Putin has three goals now, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. According to Ex-Prime Minister, leader of the All-Ukrainian Association Batkivshchyna Yulia Tymoshenko, Putin has three goals.

First - he should demonstrate to the Western world that there is an illusion of the truce here. What he will receive from this - termination of increasing sanctions from the Western world ... Indeed, the EU and the United States stopped entering the next level of sanctions today.

"After the Minsk protocols were signed, the United States after a visit of our President said that since the truce is reached, there is no need to make Ukraine the main partner of the U.S. outside NATO... He (Putin - Ed.) stopped a process of supplying high-precision and highly needed weapons to Ukraine," Tymoshenko suggested.

Third, the Kremlin achieved "demobilization of the Ukrainian defense," weakened the Kyiv policy on modernization of the Ukrainian Army and rearmament.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/tymoshenko_putin_has_three_goals_now_326238

European Commission proposes Ukraine, Russia sign interim gas contract, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. The European side, at a trilateral meeting in Berlin on September 26, will propose a compromise solution that will help restore Russian gas supplies to Ukraine without waiting for a Stockholm arbitration court ruling.

European Commission Vice-President for Energy Guenther Oettinger said this after the 12th meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community in Kyiv.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_commission_proposes_ukraine_russia_sign_interim_gas_contract_326243

Finance minister hopes hryvnia exchange rate to stabilize in UAH 13-13.50/\$1 range, 23.09.2014

Finance Minister of Ukraine Oleksandr Shlapak has forecasted that the hryvnia exchange rate will start stabilizing this week, and expects that the range will be UAH 13-13.50/\$1.

"I think that the results will come during this week... I'm sure that a exchange rate of around UAH 13-13.50/\$1 is the largest exchange rate with we can absolutely calmly cope in this situation," he told reporters in Kyiv on Tuesday, commenting on the results of a meeting with the participation of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, top managers of the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) and commercial banks.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/economic/225102.html>

Russia 'aid convoy' trucks may take equipment from defense enterprises in Donetsk – Shkiriak, 23.09.2014

An advisor to the Ukrainian interior minister, Zorian Shkiriak, when speaking about the next Russian "humanitarian convoy" for Donetsk, has said that the Russian side is trying to remove equipment from defense enterprises in Donetsk city and Donetsk region on these trucks.

"The last convoy arrived in Donetsk almost empty. The issue may concern not only the delivery of high-precision tracking and guidance means, intelligence technology, but also, in particular,

an attempt by Russia to take out from the territory of Donetsk and Donetsk region the equipment from our defense enterprises," he told Channel 5 on Monday evening. However, he added: "This version [of events], in our opinion, today seems the most likely."
<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/225018.html>

Yatseniuk says what will stop Russia's blackmail, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "There is a very big challenge for Ukraine and the European Union countries that ratified the third energy package. We understand that Russia is a key supplier of natural gas to the European Union and Ukraine. But we understand that if we work together, if we are united and if we develop transparent market rules, no country, including Russia, will use natural gas as a weapon against our country," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

Yatseniuk recalled that a few months ago the Ukrainian side proposed a market-based approach to Russia, which it, however, declined and Ukraine filed a lawsuit against Gazprom. "But it takes time. Therefore, we will unite with the European Commission to resolve this problem. This should be a common approach and a common decision," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_what_will_stop_russias_blackmail_326244

Ukraine will get off "gas eagle" over 10 years - Yatseniuk, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "In the 10-year perspective, I see that we will diversify our gas supply sources to the extent that Russia will stop blackmailing Ukraine forever," Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_will_get_off_gas_eagle_over_10_years_yatseniuk_326245

OSCE to expand mission in Donbas to 350 observers, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "It is planned soon to expand the composition of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and geographical coverage of its monitoring. The mission is soon to be expanded to 350 observers," Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_to_expand_mission_in_donbas_to_350_observers_326246

Yatseniuk: There will not be warm, but we will not freeze, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "We can go through the heating season, at least, there will not be warm, but we will not freeze," - Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said, summarizing a speech by Minister of Energy and Coal Industry Yuriy Prodan.

He noted that the ability to negotiate with Russia on gas supplies causes "deep concerns."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_there_will_not_be_warm_but_we_will_not_freeze_326247

Line of defense will surround Mariupol by weekend, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "We have to finish this week," Donetsk governor Serhiy Taruta told answering about the timing of completion of the defensive line around Mariupol.

According to him, the line will include the structures, "which will provide protection not only for Mariupol, but also for the entire area from Mariupol to Volnovakha - regardless of the number of enemy's forces."

Taruta also said that the defense infrastructure is being built on the east of Mariupol "from the settlement of Shyrokykino to Pavlopol."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/line_of_defense_will_surround_mariupol_by_weekend_326251

Ukraine loses 1.2 million tonnes of coal due to events in Donbas, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "Due to the conduct of combat battles in Ukraine's east, we today lost about 1.2 million tonnes of coal, which we received from those enterprises, which are on an uncontrolled territory," Energy and Coal Industry Minister Yuriy Prodan noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_loses_12_million_tonnes_of_coal_due_to_events_in_donbas_326250

Poroshenko's press secretary responds to threats from Russia, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine individually makes decisions on the further implementation of the Association Agreement with the European Union.

"Ukraine is a sovereign state and individually makes decisions on the ratification and implementation of the Association Agreement with the EU," Ukrainian presidential press secretary Sviatoslav Tseholko said, when asked to comment on reports in the media regarding the fear of the Russian leadership due to the entry into force of this agreement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenkos_press_secretary_responds_to_threats_from_russia_326256

EU makes secret out of debate on recognition of "DPR" and "LPR" terrorists, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The EU continues discussion on recognition of so-called "DPR" and "LPR" terrorist organizations, but at this stage information is confidential.

"As you know, any discussions that take place on the eve of the final decision on the inclusion of individuals and groups to the list of organizations that the EU recognizes as terrorist is secret and confidential," The Permanent Mission of Spain to the EU Council explained.

Permanent representations of some other member states to the European Union stated about a similar position.

"On the eve, the Political and Security Committee discussed recognition of the "DPR "and "LPR" terrorist organizations. Many countries have different opinions about it. Therefore, the discussion will continue," the source in European diplomatic circles said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_makes_secret_out_of_debate_on_recognition_of_dpr_and_lpr_terrorists_326262

Situation in Ukraine to be a priority for new NATO secretary general, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The situation in Ukraine triggered by Russian aggression will be a priority for Jens Stoltenberg, who takes up the post of the NATO secretary general on October 1.

"The seriousness of the current situation in Ukraine is indicated by the fact that military force is used to change the borders of states. Ukraine is a NATO partner and, in addition, it borders the member states of the alliance," ITAR-TASS quoted Stoltenberg as saying.

"The return to the former [format] is not being considered as an option. Russia has decided to stand for a more aggressive line. Therefore, we cannot, as we previously hoped, continue strengthening the partnership with Russia... The case of Norway, as a country that is a NATO member and modernize its armed forces, shows that force and firmness are the necessary conditions for dialogue with Russia," Stoltenberg said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_in_ukraine_to_be_a_priority_for_new_nato_secretary_general_326263

Russia preparing fourth "humanitarian convoy" for Donbas, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Russia is preparing the 4th "humanitarian" convoy to Ukraine.

"We are working with the Foreign Ministry in this direction, humanitarian aid is collected, and by the diplomatic line it will be resolved when (it will be delivered - Ed.)," Deputy Head of the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry Vladimir Stepanov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_preparing_fourth_humanitarian_convoy_for_donbas_326264

Slovakia ratifies EU-Ukraine association deal, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The Slovak parliament has ratified Ukraine's Association Agreement with the EU, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has reported on its Twitter page.

"Today the Parliament of Slovakia ratified Ukraine's AA and FTA with the EU," the ministry said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/slovakia_ratifies_eu_ukraine_association_deal_326270

Foreign Ministry: Russia not approved fourth "humanitarian convoy" with Ukraine, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. "We do not have any official information about the intention of the Russian Federation to send another "convoy" to Ukraine. "If the Russian Federation has

these intentions, we call on it to act in accordance with international law, in accordance with the laws of Ukraine,” Foreign Ministry Spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

He stressed that the delivery of the "humanitarian convoy" from Russia to Ukraine requires the consent of the Ukrainian side, which has to hold all control procedures provided by the law. Perebyinis once again reminded that Russia also has to cooperate with the International Committee of the Red Cross, which is the only organization that, according to the diplomat, can carry out the delivery and distribution of the Russian "humanitarian convoy."

"We urge Russia not to perform illegal acts, as it demonstrated in the previous three "convoys" the diplomat said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/foreign_ministry_russia_not_approved_fourth_humanitarian_convoy_with_ukraine_326269

Gas for population may rise in price fourfold, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The National Joint Stock Company Naftogaz of Ukraine stands for raising prices for gas for population fourfold this year.

The press service of the national joint stock company informed about this.

"Now there is difference (fourfold - Ed.) between the acting prices for population and market prices. It would be advisable to raise it. But we must take a final decision," the press service noted, whose information is cited by the RBC-Ukraine.

They added that in case of raising prices insolvent strata of population would receive compensation subsidies. "Naturally, this rise will be accompanied with relevant subsidies. Now, both rich and poor families have a right for compensation. But it would be fair if only poor families could receive compensation for rising of prices," the company said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/gas_for_population_may_rise_in_price_fourfold_326271

Sanctions against Russia effective in long term, but Ukraine needs quick solution - Yatseniuk, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "Sanctions are an effective leverage, but a mid-term and long-term one. We need to get a short-term and quick solution. And the message I want to deliver is that Russia first has to pull back its forces, to pull back its artillery. We need to restore the control over the Ukrainian-Russian border. We need to get rid of Russian agents on Ukrainian territory. And only afterwards we can start a real peace process," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sanctions_against_russia_effective_in_long_term_but_ukraine_needs_quick_solution_yatseniuk_326282

Russian MFA officially uses term "Novorossiya", 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Foreign Ministry already calls Luhansk and Donetsk regions "Novorossiya."

It is said in official information of the Russian Foreign Ministry by results of a meeting of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, held recently "on the fields" of the session of the UN General Assembly in New York. The Russian MFA press service informs.

"On September 24, on "the fields" of the session of the UN General Assembly in New York, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov held a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. They discussed the situation in Ukraine in the context of the efforts taken to ensure a stable truce in the southeast and arrangement of a direct dialogue between the authorities in Kyiv and leaders of Novorossiya in the context of fulfillment of the Minsk agreements by them, based on peaceful initiatives of President of Russia Vladimir Putin," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_mfa_officially_uses_term_novorossiya_326287

Obama ready to lift sanctions against Russia if it stops aggression against Ukraine, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "A different path is available - the path of diplomacy and peace and the ideals this institution is designed to uphold. The recent ceasefire agreement in

Ukraine offers an opening to achieve that objective. If Russia takes that path - a path that for stretches of the post-Cold War period resulted in prosperity for the Russian people - then we will lift our sanctions," U.S. President Barack Obama said this at the 69th session of the UN General Assembly on Wednesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/obama_ready_to_lift_sanctions_against_russia_if_it_stops_aggression_against_ukraine_326283

Poroshenko says Ukraine to submit bid for EU membership in 2020, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said that Ukraine intends to apply for membership of the European Union in 2020.

He said this, while opening the second stage of the 12th extraordinary congress of judges, Radio Liberty reported.

Poroshenko said that today he would present his reform program "Ukraine 2020" to the public.

"This program foresees about 60 reforms and special programs that will allow Ukraine to prepare for submitting in six years a bid for membership of the European Union," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_says_ukraine_to_submit_bid_for_eu_membership_in_2020_326288

Yesterday - first day of real truce - Poroshenko, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "Yesterday was the first day over many months, when Ukraine had not a single killed [soldier]. This is the first day of the real truce. Glory to Ukraine," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko wrote about on Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yesterday_first_day_of_real_truce_poroshenko_326289

Judicial reform must restore trust of people in court - President, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko stresses importance of rebuilding of the judicial power, which would enjoy unquestioning trust of citizens.

In his speech at the 12th special Congress of Judges of Ukraine, as the presidential press service informs, the President stressed that today he presents a program of reforms "Strategy 2020," which envisages realization of 60 reforms, among which the judicial reform occupies an outstanding place.

"I rely on you, that we with you, jointly with the public, with the newly elected parliament, and with my full support as the President, will manage to hold a new judicial reform, which will solve the key task - renew the trust of people in judges, will make so that even the party, which lost a process, will leave the [court] hall with proved justice," the President said.

The head of state stressed: creation of the judicial system, which meets European standards, is his "mandatory priority." He stressed that holding of the judicial reform is one of Ukraine's obligations within the frames of the Association Agreement with the European Union. "First, from which any talk begins at any level is the judicial reform," the President said. "First, from which we must begin are anticorruption steps. And we have to rely on honest and unbiased courts."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/judicial_reform_must_restore_trust_of_people_in_court_president_326290

Yatseniuk addresses Putin in his speech at UN, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, in his ten-minute speech at the UN General Assembly session, has openly addressed Russian President Vladimir Putin, urging him to stop the aggression against Ukraine.

"Mr. Putin, you can win the fight against the troops, but you will never win the fight against the nation - the united Ukrainian nation," Yatseniuk said.

He recalled that "Russia violated a number of bilateral and multilateral international agreements," starting with the UN Charter and ending with the resolutions on fighting terrorism that were adopted by the UN.

"We know what terrorism means. And we urge Russia to pull back its forces, to pull back its artillery, to stop to supply of Russian-led terrorists, to restore the control over the Ukrainian-Russian border, and to start real talks, peace talks," Yatseniuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_addresses_putin_in_his_speech_at_un_326278

Yatseniuk names best recipe to resolve dramatic conflict in eastern Ukraine, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "My message to the Russian Federation - get out of Ukrainian land, please. And this is the best recipe and the best solution to resolve this dramatic crisis in Europe and to save my country and to stop Russian aggression," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said this in his speech at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York on Wednesday, September 24, according to the government portal.

He said that not only Ukraine, but also Europe and the whole world faced a global security challenge.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_names_best_recipe_to_resolve_dramatic_conflict_in_eastern_ukraine_326291

Poroshenko vows to sign law on lustration, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "I will most likely sign the law on lustration soon. I have confidence that new people have to build a new country through a new Verkhovna Rada with a new president," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said at a press conference in Kyiv.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_vows_to_sign_law_on_lustration_326293

President - for early local elections, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "Increasing the authority (of the local government - Ed.) must be accompanied by early elections so that the local communities were able to elect to the local government those, who will be able to use those rights," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said at a press conference.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_for_early_local_elections_326297

President says how he will save hryvnia, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "Everyone has to do one's job in order to save the country. Preservation of the national currency is also a way to protect the state and Ukrainian citizens ... I assure you I will do everything I can within the law to stop the attack on the hryvnia, to stop speculation, to stop panic, including through the origins of black traders who put unexisting quotes, in order to return the hryvnia stability," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko promised at a press conference in Kyiv.

To do this, he said, it is not enough just to call a meeting, reforms package must be carried out.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_says_how_he_will_save_hryvnia_326298

There will be no peacekeeping troops in Ukraine - president, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. "There will be no peacekeeping forces, because the experience of using peacekeeping troops in Transdnistria and other frozen conflicts has led to states losing sovereignty over these territories. There will be no peacekeeping forces on Ukrainian territory," President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said this at a press conference "Strategy 2020" while answering questions from journalists.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/there_will_be_no_peacekeeping_troops_in_ukraine_president_326299

Far from political settlement of conflict in Donbas - Steinmeir, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. "In Eastern Ukraine we managed to prevent, likely, a large military confrontation... But still we are far from the political solution and further away from real political and economic stabilization in Ukraine," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in New York, Thursday, DW informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/far_from_political_settlement_of_conflict_in_donbas_steinmeir_326305

Brussels sees association with Ukraine unchanged, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. "As far as the European Union is concerned, we are not seeking any changes to the agreement. As for Ukraine, Ukraine is free and sovereign to make choices in accordance with its interests, in its own external relations," - European Commission spokesperson Pia Hansen.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/brussels_sees_association_with_ukraine_unchanged_326320

G7 countries warn Russia of more sanctions, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. "Russia must immediately meet its own commitments of the Minsk agreement, including by withdrawing all of its forces, weapons and equipment from Ukraine; securing and respecting the international border between the two countries with OSCE monitoring; and ensuring that all hostages are released," reads a statement issued by Canada, France Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

In case of adverse action, however, G7 said it remained ready "to further intensify the costs on Russia for non-compliance." The foreign ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) countries said this after a meeting in New York

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/g7_countries_warn_russia_of_more_sanctions_326306

First stage of "Wall" planned to be completed September 30, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. The first stage of the "Wall" project, which envisages full rearrangement of the border between Ukraine and Russia, is planned to be completed September 30. The Cabinet's press service informs.

"For implementation of the "Wall" project, the government has already allocated UAH 100 million. Work started to build engineering structures, the first stage of work is planned to be completed September 30," the government noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/first_stage_of_wall_planned_to_be_completed_september_30_326309

Hungary stands for peace and tranquility in Ukraine - Viktor Orban, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. "Hungary supports the idea that the situation in Ukraine was stable. We need a strong neighbor. We are committed that peace and tranquility was in your country," Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban said, who is on an official visit to Zakarpattia.

"We are ready to further cooperation and support. Our doors are always open for you. Hungary provides and will continue to provide its full support to Ukraine and Zakarpattia, in particular," Orban assured.

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

Contact group on Ukraine's east says about reduction of violence level, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. Members of the tripartite contact group (Ukraine - Russia - OSCE) to resolve the conflict in the east of Ukraine held a video conference. BelTA reports, citing the OSCE press service.

"The discussion was held in a constructive atmosphere," a statement reads.

According to the agency, the video conference was attended by representatives of self-proclaimed "republics," as well as the office of Switzerland, presiding in the OSCE.

"Participants in this remote conference considered that the level of violence in the conflict zone has declined over the recent time. The situation is calm at 70% of the length of the contact line of the conflict. They agreed that this positive trend should be maintained, and the parties will spare no effort in order to strengthen the observance of the ceasefire agreements, and make it more stable," a statement says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/sontact_group_on_ukraines_east_says_about_reduction_of_violence_level_326331

Secretary General of Council of Europe supports strategy of Poroshenko's reform, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjorn Jagland expressed support for the strategy of reforms in Ukraine, announced recently by President Petro Poroshenko. Spokesman of the Secretary General Daniel Holtgen told.

Jagland said that the Council of Europe and his Special Adviser on Ukraine declare full support for the announced reforms. According to him, among Poroshenko's priorities there are changes in the areas that the Council of Europe considers indispensable for many years.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/secretary_general_of_council_of_europe_supports_strategy_of_poroshenkos_reform_326329

State Duma deputy says which region of Ukraine to be "next target of Putin", 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. According to State Duma deputy Ilya Ponomarev (the only one, who voted against the annexation of Crimea) the next target of Vladimir Putin is "the formation of a military corridor from the Russian border and up to Odesa." The deputy sources reported that a contingent of Russian troops was redeployed to Transnistria. However, according to Ponomarev, calls for peace are almost the only salvation for Putin. "If really this truce will be the beginning of a serious peace process and will stop the aggression, it is - thank God, but it will preserve the power of Putin," the deputy said, Radio Free Europe/RadioLiberty reports.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/state_duma_deputy_says_which_region_of_ukraine_to_be_next_target_of_putin_326332

Ukraine will not allow reanimation of fascism - Poroshenko, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian people will not allow reanimation of fascism, and the Babyn Yar tragedy should serve as a reminder about the terrible consequences that can be caused by ethnic hatred.

President Petro Poroshenko emphasized this during a ceremony of honoring the victims of Babyn Yar, a Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"Ukraine will never allow restoration of fascism, ethnic persecution, partition of the country by language, faith or any other signs. Ukraine is united and will remain united," he said.

He stressed that "only united Ukraine can win over the risks and threats that it is facing."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_will_not_allow_reanimation_of_fascism_poroshenko_326341

Russia threatens Ukraine with "measures" for Association in November, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Press Secretary of the Russian President Dmitry Peskov said that on Sunday, President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko said that the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU in its entirety will take effect from November this year. Meanwhile, Moscow, Kyiv and the EU allegedly agreed to delay full implementation of this document by January 2016.

"Russia proceeds from the agreements that were reached at the tripartite talks, while maintaining its position. Russia recognizes these agreements, but is ready to take action in response, if it (the full entry into force of the agreement) shall be in violation of agreements reached earlier," Peskov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_threatens_ukraine_with_measures_for_association_in_november_326344

Slovakia announces loss of 10% of Russian gas transit, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. Slovak recipient and distributor of Russian gas, company Slovensky plynarensky priemysel (SPP), announced the reduction of Russian gas in the amount of about 10%.

"The company SPP observed on Monday, September 29, reduction of Russian gas at around 10%," company's official representative Peter Bednar said.

According to him, in the second half of September, daily short supplies of gas were approximately 5% to 20%.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/slovakia_announces_loss_of_10_of_russian_gas_transit_326355

Komorowski calls on EU countries to respond to Russia's energy blackmail, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. EU solidarity on energy issues could be a response to Russia's blackmail in this sphere, Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski has said.

He said this during his visit to Portugal, Ukraine's correspondent in Warsaw reported, with reference to the press service of the Polish president.

"EU solidarity would prevent Russia from carrying out energy blackmail, as it would not stand this blackmail, because its budget would have collapsed," Komorowski said.

He said that energy cooperation between the EU and Russia was "a stick with two ends" where the two sides are interdependent.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/komorowski_calls_on_eu_countries_to_respond_to_russias_energy_blackmail_326359

Yatseniuk says Russia not willing to resolve conflict in eastern Ukraine, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. "The truce is when they don't shoot and don't kill. Russia, which signed 12 points of the Minsk memorandum, must fulfill each point. Russia is far from switching from words to deeds. I can state the lack of willingness of the Russian side to resolve the conflict and fulfill the Minsk agreements," Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_says_russia_not_willing_to_resolve_conflict_in_eastern_ukraine_326364

EU sanctions against Russia remain unchanged, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. The European Union has left unchanged its restrictive measures against Russia and will make the next assessment of the situation in eastern Ukraine in late October, a European Council representative said.

The permanent representatives of member states in the European Council assessed the situation in the east of Ukraine, including the implementation of Minsk agreements, a peace plan of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and a ceasefire regime, he said. At this stage, the restrictive measures against Russia were left unchanged, while ambassadors will again assess the situation in late October, he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_sanctions_against_russia_remain_unchanged_326366

European Union to ratify Association Agreement in 2015 - Foreign Ministry, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. The European Union countries will ratify the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement by the end of 2015.

"The rest of the [EU] member states will ratify [the agreement] by the end of next year so that it, together with the free trade agreement, starts working in full from 2016," Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Yevhen Perebyinis said.

Perebyinis said that the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement had currently been ratified by Lithuania, Bulgaria, Malta and Slovakia.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/european_union_to_ratify_association_agreement_in_2015_foreign_ministry_326372

Actions of Ukrainian Authorities

Rada abolishes duty for defense products, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. MPs approved the law on exemption of defense products imported into Ukraine from duty.

234 MPs voted for the law number 4555a "On amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine on simplification of defense imports."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rada_abolishes_duty_for_defense_products_325837

Ukrainian parliament accepts Sheremeta's resignation as economy minister, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Lawmakers have accepted at the second attempt the resignation of Ukrainian Economic Development and Trade Minister Pavlo Sheremeta.

A total of 252 MPs voted for the resignation on Tuesday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_parliament_accepts_sheremetas_resignation_as_economy_minister_325844

Poroshenko signs law simplifying conscription procedure, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a law regulating the procedure for the military recruitment of personnel on contracts and simplifying the conscription procedure, the press service of the head of state has reported.

The documents, in particular, regulate legislation in terms of the transition of the Ukrainian Armed Forces to staffing on a contract basis, as well as simplify the procedure and reduce the time required for the conscription of citizens for military service "in the event of a crisis situation endangering Ukraine's national security, the decision to conduct mobilization and (or) the introduction of the legal regime of martial law."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signsLaw_simplifying_conscription_procedure_325852

Two more criminal cases opened against Pshonka and his son, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has opened two criminal proceedings against former Ukrainian Prosecutor General Viktor Pshonka and his son, MP Artem Pshonka, for embezzlement of property and abuse of office, Prosecutor General's Office spokesman Yuriy Boichenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_more_criminal_cases_opened_against_pshonka_and_his_son_325851

Criminal case opened against former chief of general staff for desertion, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has opened criminal proceedings against former Chief of the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Admiral Yuriy Ilyin, on charges of desertion, Prosecutor General's Office spokesman Yuriy Boichenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/criminal_case_opened_against_former_chief_of_general_staff_for_desertion_325853

Yatseniuk launches gas pipeline for reverse supplies from Slovakia, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has attended the ceremony to launch the Vojany-Uzhgorod gas pipeline in the Slovak town of Velke Kapusany, which will ensure reverse gas supplies to Ukraine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_launches_gas_pipeline_for_reverse_supplies_from_slovakia_325854

Government approves new program of cooperation with NATO, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers at its regular meeting endorsed a draft presidential decree on the approval of the Ukraine-NATO annual national program for 2014, the press service of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry reported on Tuesday.

"The drafts of this decree and this year's program were developed by the Foreign Ministry last year, approved at a government meeting and submitted for consideration by the then president at the beginning of this year, but in March the document was returned to the Foreign Ministry for revision 'due to changes in the composition of the Cabinet of Ministers and the fundamentally new domestic and foreign political situation in Ukraine at that time,'" reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_approves_new_program_of_cooperation_with_nato_325859

Poroshenko finally severs relations with Customs Union, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed a decree disbanding the working group on the development of cooperation between Ukraine and the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

This is stated in decree No. 701 of September 2, published on the website of the head of state.

"In order to optimize the system of consultative, advisory and other support agencies and services established by the president of Ukraine, in accordance with Paragraph 28, Article 106 of the Constitution of Ukraine, I decree to eliminate... the working group on the development of cooperation between Ukraine and the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation," reads the decree.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_finally_severs_relations_with_customs_union_325868

Chornovol becomes Avakov's adviser - media, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Former government commissioner for anticorruption policy Tetiana Chornovol is appointed a full-time Adviser to Interior Minister Arsen Avakov.

"Tetiana Chornovol was appointed a full-time Advisor to Avakov at her request and with the consent of the Minister," said the source in the government.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/chornovol_becomes_avakovs_adviser_media_325902

Poroshenko meets with Obama face-to-face, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had a bilateral meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama as part of the NATO summit in Wales. Ukrainian presidential press secretary Sviatoslav Tseholko reported this on his page on Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_meets_with_obama_face_to_face_325913

Poroshenko meets with leaders of United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko within the NATO summit holds a joint meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron, President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and French President Francois Hollande, according to Poroshenko's Twitter page.

"I started participating in the NATO Summit by meeting with Obama, Cameron, Merkel, Renzi and Hollande," he wrote.

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

Commission on Ilovaisk was set up in Rada, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. MPs created the Interim Investigation Commission on recent events in the suburbs of Ilovaisk, Deputy Andriy Senchenko told.

"A decision was taken about creation of the Interim Investigation Commission of the parliament on investigation into the circumstances of tragic events, which led to deaths and capture of soldiers of voluntary battalions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the suburbs of Ilovaisk, Donetsk region," Senchenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/commission_on_ilovaik_was_set_up_in_rada_325915

Counterintelligence detains pro-Russian saboteurs in Mykolaiv, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Criminals who, on the instructions of their Russian curators, intimidated volunteers by setting fire to their cars have been detained in Mykolaiv, the press center of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has reported.

"SBU counterintelligence has stopped the activity of a group of persons who set fire to the cars of residents of Mykolaiv who provided humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian military in the area of the anti-terrorist operation," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/counterintelligence_detains_pro_russian_saboteurs_in_mykolaiv_325920

President appoints heads of three regional state administrations, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed the heads of three regional state administrations.

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

In particular, Oleh Honcharuk was appointed head of Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State Administration. Under another decree, Andriy Trotsenko was dismissed from this post.

The president also signed decrees dismissing Yuriy Tkachenko as chairman of Cherkasy Regional State Administration and re-appointing him to the same post.

In addition, Andriy Putilov was appointed head of Kherson Regional State Administration.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_appoints_heads_of_three_regional_state_administrations_325986

President awards 229 military for heroism in ATO, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko awarded (including posthumously) 229 military of different law enforcement structures, who became noted during the antiterrorist operation.

Relevant decree was published on the Presidential official website.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_awards_229_military_for_heroism_in_ato_325992

Yatseniuk heads People's Front Party, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has become the leader of the People's Front Party.

His candidacy was unanimously supported at the first stage of an extraordinary party congress, which took place on Wednesday.

The congress was opened by Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksandr Turchynov. It was attended by about 490 participants.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_heads_peoples_front_party_326015

President signs law on sanctions, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed the law on sanctions, which the Verkhovna Rada adopted on August 14.

According to the website of the parliament, law No. 1644-VII was returned to the Verkhovna Rada on September 10 with the president's signature.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_signs_law_on_sanctions_326006

Ukraine starts building wall on border with Russia, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. The construction of a safely fortified border between Ukraine and Russia began on September 10 on the instruction of the Ukrainian president, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

"The implementation of priority work on the fortification equipment and installation of artificial obstacles on the determined areas has begun," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_starts_building_wall_on_border_with_russia_326016

Law on sanctions published in Holos Ukrainy, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. The law on sanctions, which will help take measures of influence on Russia, which committed an act of aggression against Ukraine, has been published in the Verkhovna Rada's Holos Ukrainy newspaper.

The document has been posted on the website of the newspaper.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_on_sanctions_published_in_holos_ukrainy_326026

Government submits sanctions against Russia for approval by NSDC, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers has proposed that the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) approve sanctions against Russian individuals and companies who supported military aggression against Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea, the government's press service has reported.

"The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine at its meeting on Thursday, September 11, approved a proposal to the National Security and Defense Council regarding the use of personal sanctions due to Russian aggression against Ukraine in the military, economic, energy and information dimensions, the illegal occupation of part of Ukrainian territory, the facilitation of terrorist activities in Ukraine, and the violation of the rights and freedoms of Ukrainian citizens, the interests of society and the state," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_submits_sanctions_against_russia_for_approval_by_nsd_326070

President submits Association Agreement to Verkhovna Rada, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. The draft law of President of Ukraine "On ratification of the Association Agreement between Ukraine, on the one hand, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, on the other hand" was registered in the Verkhovna Rada.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/president_submits_association_agreement_to_verkhovna_rada_326100

Verkhovna Rada adopts presidential laws for Donbas, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian lawmakers have approved presidential laws granting special status to Donbas and amnestying members of illegal armed groups in east Ukraine, MPs have reported on Twitter.

According to MP Andriy Shevchenko, the law on special status for Donbas was supported by 277 MPs, and the amnesty law was backed by 287.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_adopts_presidential_laws_for_donbas_326118

UKRAINE, EU RATIFY ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada and the European Parliament have ratified the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

The simultaneous ratification process took place through a videoconference between Kyiv and Strasbourg.

In the European Parliament a respective legislative resolution was supported by 535 deputies. In the Verkhovna Rada a draft law was backed by 355 MPs.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed the law ratifying the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_eu_ratify_association_agreement_326120

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_signs_law_ratifying_eu_ukraine_association_agreement_326122

MPs adopt statement on Ukraine's future EU membership, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada has adopted a resolution on the European choice of Ukraine, through which is actually filed a bid to join the EU.

A total of 298 lawmakers voted for such a decision on Tuesday.

"The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as the only legislative body that realizes the will of its constituents states that by ratifying the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU, Ukraine, as a European country that shares common values of democracy and rule of law, emphasizes its sovereign choice in favor of future membership of the EU, in accordance with Article 49 of the EU Treaty," Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov said, reading out the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/mps_adopt_statement_on_ukraines_future_eu_membership_326123

Verkhovna Rada passes law on lustration, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. The Verkhovna Rada, after several unsuccessful attempts and persuasion by Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov, has adopted the law on the cleansing of power.

A total of 231 MPs voted for such a decision on Tuesday, a Ukrinform correspondent reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/verkhovna_rada_passes_law_on_lustration_326131

Poroshenko met in US Congress with standing ovation, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko was met in the U.S. Congress, where he started his speech, with a standing ovation that lasted several minutes, Ukrinform's correspondent has reported.

Poroshenko's first official visit to the United States began with talks with Secretary of State John Kerry. The meeting was held at the U.S. Department of State.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_arrives_in_united_states_326155

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_met_in_us_congress_with_standing_ovation_326175

Moskal appointed governor of Luhansk region, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has appointed Hennadiy Moskal as chairman of Luhansk Regional State Administration.

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

As reported, on September 17, the Cabinet of Ministers approved Moskal's appointment as Luhansk regional governor.

On September 15, Poroshenko dismissed Iryna Verihina as acting head of Luhansk Regional State Administration.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/moskal_appointed_governor_of_luhansk_region_326167

Memorandum on ceasefire in Donbas signed in Minsk, 20.09.2014

KYIV, September 20 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian side and militants have agreed to cease offensive operations in eastern Ukraine by signing in Minsk a memorandum on implementing the program for the settlement of the situation in the conflict zone, RIA Novosti has reported, citing a memorandum signed by members of the trilateral contact group after talks in Minsk.

"The cessation of the use of weapons is considered common," reads the first paragraph of the memorandum.

The Ukrainian side and militants also agreed to stop fighting on the current line of clashes.

"Units and military formations of the parties stop on the line of clashes as of September 19," reads the second paragraph of the memorandum.

"The use of all types of weapons and offensive operations are banned," reads the third paragraph.

The memorandum bans military aircraft flights over the security zone in Ukraine.

The fulfillment of the conditions of the Minsk memorandum on the withdrawal of troops and the creation of a buffer zone is due to begin on Saturday, September 20, the deputy head of the information and analytical center of NSDC, Volodymyr Poliovy, said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/memorandum_on_ceasefire_in_donbas_signed_in_minsk_326199

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/implementation_of_minsk_memorandum_due_to_begin_on_saturday_nsdc_326205

Kurchenko appoints Olena Bondarenko head of Ukrainian Media Holding, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. Party of Regions member Olena Bondarenko was appointed head of the Supervision Council of the Ukrainian Media Holding (UMH), owned by Serhiy Kurchenko.

The UMH official website informs.

Bondarenko replaced Yuriy Rovensky on this position, who left the holding in July.

According to the law, at the same time, the Party of Regions member will vacate the deputy's seat in the Verkhovna Rada.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kurchenko_appoints_olena_bondarenko_head_of_ukrainian_media_holding_326224

Ukrainians may buy currency only at UAH 3,000 per day, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine limited the sale of the foreign currency to one person by the amount of UAH 3,000 per day.

This is said in a resolution of September 22, 2014, No. 591, the NBU informs on FB.

"Taking into consideration strengthening of tension on the cash segment of the currency market, the resolution envisages reduction of the minimum amount of the cash foreign currency sale to one person over one operation (working) day to the amount that does not exceed an equivalent of UAH 3,000," the National Bank noted.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainians_may_buy_currency_only_at_uah_3000_per_day_326227

Yatseniuk, MEPs discuss fight against Russian aggression, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk and a delegation of the European Conservatives and Reformists group in the European Parliament headed by the chief of the EP security and defense subcommittee, Anna Fotyga, discussed the prospects for overcoming Russian aggression in the military, economic and energy spheres on Monday, the government portal has reported.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_meps_discuss_fight_against_russian_aggression_326230

Ukraine changing military doctrine, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine will draw up by December 2015 a new wording of Ukraine's military doctrine and the program for the development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

This is stated in a plan on the implementation of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, which the Cabinet of Ministers approved on September 17, 2014

According to the plan on the implementation of the Association Agreement, the government instructed the Defense Ministry, the Foreign Ministry, the Economic Development and Trade Ministry, the Justice Ministry and central executive government agencies, as well as the Ukroboronprom State Concern, to draft a new wording of Ukraine's military doctrine, the program for the development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and other defense planning documents.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_changing_military_doctrine_326233

Yatseniuk brings plan of Ukraine's recovery to U.S., 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk left for the U.S. to participate in the 69th session of the UN General Assembly in New York. The press service of the Cabinet informs.

On Wednesday, his speech is planned in the Council on Foreign Relations.

The same day, Yatseniuk will speak at the General Debate of the UN General Assembly.

Thursday, within the frames of a meeting with representatives of the U.S. business circles and heads of the U.S. investment and financial establishments, the Prime Minister will present the government Action Plan "Recovery of Ukraine."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/yatseniuk_brings_plan_of_ukraines_recovery_to_us_326255

NBU bans banks from payment of dividends to stockholders, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The National Bank of Ukraine bans banks from payment of dividends to stockholders since September 23.

"Panic moods really form excessive demand. At the same time, this excessive demand is formed both on the cash market of the population, in the same way this excessive demand starts to be formed by representatives of business circles. For instance, since today, the National Bank temporarily banned, for the time of combat actions in the country, for a short period, we banned, in particular, payment of dividends. Payment of dividends is an absolutely legal transaction, but at the time, when demand is accelerated, both from population and business, when earlier dividends were invested in business, today business wants to withdraw dividends," National Bank governor Valeria Hontareva said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nbu_bans_banks_from_payment_of_dividends_to_stockholders_326260

Law on status of Donbas returned to initial wording - mass media, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. The draft law on a special procedure for the local self-government in some districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions was returned to the wording, handed over to deputies before the adoption.

A relevant text is posted on the Verkhovna Rada website, BBC informs.

In particular, in the actual text the first Article of the law is in the wording, according to which the borders of districts with a special self-government are determined by the Verkhovna Rada. This same wording was published before the adoption on September 16 and handed over to deputies before voting.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_on_status_of_donbas_returned_to_initial_wording_mass_media_326265

Poroshenko gives green light to removal of duties on defense goods, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has signed law No. 1657-VII on the introduction of amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine regarding the simplification of imports of defense products, according to the official website of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

"The adoption of this act will help simplify imports of defense products to the customs territory of Ukraine during a special period, the state of emergency and during the anti-terrorist operation, through the exemption from duties of defense products, according to the list established by the Cabinet Ministers of Ukraine," reads the document.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poroshenko_gives_green_light_to_removal_of_duties_on_defense_goods_326273

Speaker signs law on lustration, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov signed the Law on lustration. The signing took place in the presence of journalists in the parliament.

"By signing this bill, I appeal to the President so that he immediately put a signature under this law, and that tomorrow it was published and entered into force. It's very important," Turchynov said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/speaker_signs_law_on_lustration_326286

Contact group starts working under rumble of shelling in Donbas, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. The Contact Group with the participation of the OSCE and Russia will start its work in Donbas on Friday, the ATO Press Center announced on Facebook. "The ATO forces worked a series of measures aimed at organization of work of the contact group with the participation of the OSCE and the Russian Federation. Today, this group should begin its work," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/contact_group_starts_working_under_rumble_of_shelling_in_donbas_326308

Ukraine signs contract for supply of coal from South Africa, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. The Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine has already signed a contract for a monthly supply to Ukraine of 250,000 tonnes of coal from South Africa.

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Utilities Volodymyr Hroisman said this on the Channel 5 television station

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_signs_contract_for_supply_of_coal_from_south_africa_326310

Ukraine ups European gas imports by third, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukraine increased import of gas reverse from the European Union in January-September 2014 by 600 million cu m or by 30% against the same period of 2013 to 2 billion cu m.

The Ukrtransgas press service informed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_ups_european_gas_imports_by_third_326311

Ukrainian prosecutors open criminal case against Russian investigators, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has launched criminal proceedings against officials of the Russian Investigative Committee, reads a statement posted on the official website of the Prosecutor General's Office.

"The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has opened criminal proceedings against officials of the Russian Investigative Committee due to crimes they committed under Article 258-3 (assistance to a terrorist organization), Article 343 (interference with the activity of a law enforcement officer) and Article 344 (interference with the activity of a statesman) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine," reads the statement.

"It was established that in May and June 2014, the central office of the Russian Investigative Committee created a department to investigate crimes related to the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare. The purpose of this department, as can be seen from the official Web site of the institution, is bringing the Ukrainian military to justice for the crimes they allegedly committed against civilians," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_prosecutors_open_criminal_case_against_russian_investigators_326352

Terrorism / Separatism

84 soldiers leave encircled area near Ilovaisk - Herashchenko, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Another 84 soldiers of encircled battalions, including four women from the Donbas battalion, have broken the siege near Ilovaisk, Donetsk region.

Ukrainian Interior Minister advisor Anton Herashchenko wrote on Facebook early on Monday.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/84_soldiers_leave_encircled_area_near_ilovaisk_herashchenko_325789

Paratroopers repulsing attack of Russian tankers on Luhansk airfield, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. "The defensive battle of Ukrainian paratroopers with a reinforced tank battalion of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation regarding control over the Luhansk airfield continues," the ATO press center has reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/paratroopers_repulsing_attack_of_russian_tankers_on_luhansk_airfield_325797

Uragan rocket launchers shell artillery of ATO forces three times, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Artillery positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine were thrice shelled from the territory of Russia by Uragan multiple launch rocket systems near the settlement of Vesela Hora," the ATO press center reports on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/uragan_rocket_launchers_shell_artillery_of_ato_forces_three_times_325800

Ukrainian troops kill about 80 terrorists over last 24 hours, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. "The enemy's losses for the last 24 hours are a BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher, an armored vehicle, an infantry fighting vehicle, a KamAZ trucks and about 80 militants," the ATO press center has reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_kill_about_80_terrorists_over_last_24_hours_325803

About 5,000 persons leave Donbas, Crimea over recent 24 hours, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. Over recent 24 hours, 4,740 persons left the area of the antiterrorist operation and temporarily occupied Crimea.

The press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine informs.

"In total, there are 215,594 internally displaced persons, including 69,929 children, 27,380 disabled and aged persons. 4,740 persons over 24 hours," a statement reads.

According to live data, there are 198,422 persons displaced from the ATO area to other regions, including 65,144 children, 26,141 disabled and aged persons.

Total number of Ukrainian citizens, who moved from the Crimea and Sevastopol to other regions, is 17,172 persons, including 4,785 children and 1,239 disabled and aged persons.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/about_5000_persons_leave_donbas_crimea_over_recent_24_hours_325809

Ukrainian troops retreat from Luhansk airport, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. "In the Luhansk direction Ukrainian servicemen got the order to make an orderly retreat from the Luhansk airport and the village of Heorhiyvka, which is located on the Luhansk-Krasny Luch-Snizhne highway," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_retreat_from_luhansk_airport_325810

NSDC: At least four tactical groups of Russian army operating in Ukraine, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. At least 1,600 servicemen of the Russian Armed Forces from four battalion tactical groups are engaged in military operations on Ukrainian territory, National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_at_least_four_tactical_groups_of_russian_army_operating_in_ukraine_325815

Ukrainian army sets up positions around Mariupol, 01.09.2014

KYIV, September 1 /Ukrinform/. The Ukrainian Armed Forces have prepared for the defense of Mariupol and set up roadblocks on the likely routes of movement of the enemy.

"The Ukrainian Armed Forces are ensuring the defense of Mariupol in the area of Starolaspa-Rozdilne-Komsomolske," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_army_sets_up_positions_around_mariupol_325816

Russian army attacks and gets new reinforcements - Tymchuk, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. "The situation in the fighting zone remains very difficult. Russian troops and terrorists make an offensive, getting new reinforcements from Russian territory," the Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_army_attacks_and_gets_new_reinforcements_tymchuk_325826

Another 11 Ukrainian soldiers leave encircled area near Ilovaisk, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Another 11 Ukrainian soldiers have broken the siege near Ilovaisk, Donbas battalion commander Semen Semenchenko has said.

"Eleven more people left the area. We are bringing them to hospital," he wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/another_11_ukrainian_soldiers_leave_encircled_area_near_ilovaisk_325831

National Guard: Russians attack from trucks with white flags and inscriptions "Children", 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. National Guard soldiers repelled three attacks yesterday night by causing serious losses to the enemy. During the first attack, Russian military and terrorists cunningly attacked a roadblock of the National Guard - from the trucks with white flags and inscriptions "Children."

"An attack of the Russian military and terrorists started in the area of the settlement Rozdolne near a bridge on the Kalmius River. Four trucks came to the roadblock with white flags and inscriptions "Children," armed people jumped from the trucks and opened fire on the Ukrainian military. A massive hard battle began," the National Guard of Ukraine press service informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_guard_russians_attack_from_trucks_with_white_flags_and_inscriptions_children_325827

Law enforcers killed 50 militants over past day, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. The ATO forces for the past day killed 50 militants, as well as multiple rocket launch system Grad and two military automobiles, the ATO press center informs.

"For the past day, the ATO forces destroyed one module BM-21 Grad, two automobiles for charging MRLS and 50 militants," the press center informs on its Facebook page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_enforcers_killed_50_militants_over_past_day_325830

ATO press center says Donetsk Airport controlled by Ukrainians, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. "We cannot confirm this report. The airport is ours," ATO press officer Leonid Matiukhin said, while commenting on a report by Reuters that Ukrainian military supposedly left their positions at the Donetsk airport on Monday as a result of heavy fighting with terrorists supported by Russian troops.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_press_center_says_donetsk_airport_controlled_by_ukrainians_325839

Fifteen soldiers killed in Donbas over past 24 hours, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Fifteen Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 49 more wounded in the Donbas over the past 24 hours, Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) information and analytical center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

He added that 22 cases of fighting between Ukrainian military and militants had been recorded over the past 24 hours near 11 settlements - Heorhiyivka, Lutuhyne, Maryinka, Verhunsky Rozyzd, Shyshkove, Verkhniotoretske, Adrianopol, Zhovte, Tonenke, Lenine, Pobeda and Donetsk Airport.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fifteen_soldiers_killed_in_donbas_over_past_24_hours_325840

Terrorists rob all banks of Novoazovsk, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Pro-Russian terrorists seized Novoazovsk, robbed the bank branches and disrupted all social payments, spokesman of the NSDC Andriy Lysenko told.

"In Novoazovsk, terrorists robbed the local bank branch. Due to this, social payments are suspended in the city, there is a shortage of food, the remains are sold at inflated prices," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_rob_all_banks_of_novoazovsk_325842

Luhansk airport completely ruined, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. "The airport is completely ruined. Our military retreated, but the runway is destroyed so there is no possibility to land a plane there," Acting head of the Luhansk regional state administration Iryna Verihina told on air of the 112 Ukraine TV.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/luhansk_airport_completely_ruined_325841

Pro-Russian militants torture civilians in Donbas - Human Rights Watch, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. International human rights organization Human Rights Watch (HRW) has reported the torture of civilians by pro-Russian militants in the Donbas.

"In particular, the report says that militants detain civilians, subject them to torture, degrading treatment, forced labor, and use them as hostages," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/pro_russian_militants_torture_civilians_in_donbas_human_rights_watch_325843

Journalist: 30th brigade breaks through from encirclement under Grad shelling, air bombs, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. Military of the 30th Detached Mechanized Brigade from Novohrad-Volynsky broke through from encirclement in the area of Lutuhine (Luhansk region). Five people killed, 14 – wounded, journalist Roman Bochkala wrote on his Facebook page. "The 30th Brigade broke through from the encirclement in Lutuhine. It was hell. First Grad rocket launchers shelled the soldiers, which burnt all that was around. When moving, they were bombarded by aircraft - cluster bombs. Yes, yes - Russian planes are flying in the area of Luhansk already as at home. Then they ran into the Russian T-90. They were accompanied, of course, also by Russian helicopters Mi-24. And they got from them too... When they went on, as it seemed, a safe distance, they got Smerch. Our losses - 5 killed and 14 wounded," the journalist writes.

According to him, even those, who are not injured, need psychological rehabilitation.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/journalist_30th_brigade_breaks_through_from_encirclement_under_grad_shelling_air_bombs_325845

White KamAZ trucks bring Russian mercenaries into Ukraine - NSDC, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. "The Russian side now uses trucks from the so-called humanitarian convoy for material financial support for terrorists and Russian Armed Forces groups operating on Ukrainian territory," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/white_kamaz_trucks_bring_russian_mercenaries_into_ukraine_nsd_325847

Aggressor shells our positions 20 times over night, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian forces in the area of direct contact with Russian battalion-tactical groups and bandit forces of separatists in Donbas were under the enemy's fire all the night. Shelling from Grad rocket launchers was led also from the territory of Russia. Head of the NSDC Center of Military and Political Studies and coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk said.

"Over the previous night, positions of Ukrainian forces were shelled over 20 times," he stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/aggressor_shells_our_positions_20_times_over_night_325857

Column of Russian military hardware seen in Luhansk region, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. A column of 120 pieces of Russian military hardware has been recorded between Molodohvardiysk and Krasnodon in Luhansk region.

The video showing the column has been posted on the website of the information and analytical center of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC).

NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said that the place of the movement of the column had been determined with the help of road signs seen in the footage.

"These are all Russians who 'got lost' on Ukrainian territory," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column_of_russian_militaryHardware_seen_in_luhansk_region_325876

80 ATO soldiers held captive by terrorists near Ilovaisk - Semenchenko, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. Eighty soldiers of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces remain in the captivity of separatist fighters of the self-proclaimed DPR near Ilovaisk, Donbas battalion commander Semen Semenchenko has said live on Hromadske.TV.

"I know that 80 people remain in captivity. These are those wounded. I do not know how many people were killed. They continue to leave [the encircled area]," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/80_ato_soldiers_held_captive_by_terrorists_near_ilovaisk_semenchenko_325864

ATO: Over 100 Russian mercenaries killed near Snizhne, 03.09.2014

KYIV, September 3 /Ukrinform/. More than a hundred Russian mercenaries have been killed after the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) forces shelled a militant base near Snizhne, Donetsk region, the ATO press center has reported.

"More than a hundred Russian mercenaries were killed after a fire strike against a militant base near Snizhne," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_over_100_russian_mercenaries_killed_near_snizhne_325867

Ukraine fired from Smerch rocket launchers again, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. At night, blows were inflicted from the territory of Russia at positions of Ukrainian forces near five inhabited areas in Donbas, head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_fired_from_smerch_rocket_launchers_again_325893

Militants shell five settlements from mortars, Grad rocket launchers, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Over a night, terrorists shelled five settlements in Donbas from mortars and Grad rocket launchers in Donbas.

"Positions of Ukrainian forces were fired near Debaltseve, Nikitine, Fashchivka, Krasna Talivka, Plotyna," head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_five_settlements_from_mortars_grad_rocket_launchers_325895

At least 100 Russian soldiers and terrorists killed in Donbas overnight, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops are launching strikes against manpower and equipment of the enemy in the Donbas. Last night they killed at least a hundred Russian soldiers and terrorists,

The leader of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, wrote this on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/at_least_100_russian_soldiers_and_terrorists_killed_in_donbas_overnight_325903

ATO headquarters say about 120 killed militants, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. "Over the previous night, the ATO units conducted active operations, as a result more than 120 militants were killed," ATO press center informs on FB.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_headquarters_say_about_120_killed_militants_325905

Smerch rocket launchers shoot base of Kyiv battalion in Dmytrivka, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. As a result of the shelling with Smerch rocket launchers on the night of September 4, the base camp of the 12th Kyiv Battalion of territorial defense was destroyed in Dmytrivka, Luhansk region.

"This night, at 2.30 a.m., our base camp was fired with Smerch rocket launchers, there are casualties," Deputy Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Anton Shapoval said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/smerch_rocket_launchers_shoot_base_of_kyiv_battalion_in_dmytrivka_325907

Security and Defense Council: 837 servicemen killed in east Ukraine hostilities, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Not taking into account loss of life during the withdrawal from the encirclement near Ilovaisk "According to official figures, as of September 4, 837 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and 3,044 injured over the entire period of the ATO," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/security_and_defense_council_837_servicemen_killed_in_east_ukraine_hostilities_325909

Militants hand out Russian passports in Torez, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Russian mercenaries offer UAH 1,000 to residents of Torez who will agree to exchange Ukrainian citizenship for Russian citizenship.

"According to current reports, in Torez, Donetsk region, militants are conducting a campaigning among local residents to collect information and produce passports of citizens of the Russian Federation. Russian mercenaries offer about UAH 1,000 for changing nationality," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_hand_out_russian_passports_in_torez_325914

Law enforcers defeat recon team of Russians near Mariupol, 04.09.2014

KYIV, September 4 /Ukrinform/. Reconnaissance by fire, staged by Putin's mercenaries from Novoazovsk, was repelled on Thursday.

"The situation in Mariupol. The border troops and the special battalion Azov repelled reconnaissance by fire, made by the enemy from the side of Novoazovsk," the Donetsk Regional State Administration Deputy Chairman Konstantyn Batozsky wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_enforcers_defeat_recon_team_of_russians_near_mariupol_325919

Ukrainian troops destroy three of enemy's howitzers, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops last night attacked the base camp of the enemy in the vicinity of Vesele in Donbas. The fighting is going on near Debaltseve.

"Last night Ukrainian troops attacked the base camp of the enemy near the settlement of Vesele. Three 122-mm D-30 howitzers and the manpower of the enemy were destroyed. The fighting is underway near Debaltseve," the coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk, wrote this on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_destroy_three_of_enemys_howitzers_325924

Seven military killed in ATO zone over past 24 hours, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. Seven Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 59 injured in Donbas and 27 cases of fighting with Russian servicemen and ATO zone had been recorded over the past 24 hours, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Lysenko said that in general, over the period of the operation, 846 Ukrainian servicemen had been killed and 3,072 had been wounded.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seven_military_killed_in_ato_zone_over_past_24_hours_325929

About 2,000 Russian servicemen killed in Ukraine - NSDC, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. "According to latest intelligence data, Russians' total losses during the conflict are about 2,000 persons killed," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/about_2000_russian_servicemen_killed_in_ukraine_security_and_defense_council_325931

Russian troops and terrorists ignore truce - Tymchuk, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. Only the Ukrainian army is complying with the terms of a ceasefire in Donbas. "Russian-terrorist troops are not observing the truce according to the protocol signed yesterday in Minsk between Ukraine, DPR and LPR with the involvement of the OSCE. Russian troops and terrorists are attacking and shelling the positions and roadblocks of Ukrainian troops in Donbas," the coordinator of the Information Resistance group, Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_and_terrorists_ignore_truce_tymchuk_325940

Militants shell Ukrainian army positions ten times after ceasefire, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. "The situation in the ATO zone was generally calm after the ceasefire was declared, however, a number of provocations on the part of terrorists were recorded last evening and last night. In general, over the last 24 hours militants carried out 28 attacks on the positions of the ATO forces, including ten after the announcement of the ceasefire declared in Minsk," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_ukrainian_army_positions_ten_times_after_ceasefire_325949

Russia pulling troops and equipment to northern Crimea, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. "The Russian side continues the concentration of its forces in the north of the temporarily occupied Crimea and conducts the rotation of forces and equipment. It is known that Russia redeployed across the Kerch Strait to mainland [Russia] the mechanized infantry and artillery units that are to be sent to the border with Ukraine from Rostov region," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulling_troops_and_equipment_to_northern_crimea_325950

Russian border guards hired to fight in Donbas for \$5,500, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. "According to the latest reports, Russian border guards are getting offers from the leadership to participate in the fighting in eastern Ukraine. Volunteers are dismissed from their service, receive a one-time financial compensation of 200,000 rubles [about \$5,500] and are sent to the war zone as 'natural persons,'" NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_border_guards_hired_to_fight_in_donbas_for_5500_325951

Occupants intensify activities near Mariupol, Donetsk, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. Russian soldiers and militants conducted active actions near Mariupol and Donetsk since yesterday's evening.

"Since the yesterday's (7.09.2014) evening, the enemy conducted active actions in the area of Mariupol, Donetsk, Debaltseve," Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/occupants_intensify_activities_near_mariupol_donetsk_325952

Despite truce, terrorists fire security forces five times over night, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. In Donbas, terrorists violated the ceasefire and fired on positions of security forces five times over night. "Over last night, terrorists violated the ceasefire five times. In particular, the ATO positions were fired nearby settlements Nyzhnia Krynka, Zhdanivka, Zolote, Pisky, Fashchivka," the ATO press center reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/despite_truce_terrorists_fire_security_forces_five_times_over_night_325954

Russia pulls hundred armored vehicles, dozens of tanks and Grad rocket launchers near Kherson region, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. Russia is stepping up its grouping of troops and equipment on the territory of temporarily occupied Crimea. Near the border with Kherson region, it has a hundred pieces of Russian armored vehicles, dozens of tanks, Grad and Uragan rocket launchers, and SAM Buk.

"Over the past few weeks, on the border with Kherson region, the Russian Armed Forces concentrated at least 64 tanks, about a hundred armored vehicles and infantry fighting vehicles, a few dozens of rocket launchers Grad, Uragan and SAM Buk, precision ordnance for air and ground targets and aircraft," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_pulls_hundred_armored_vehicles_dozens_of_tanks_and_grad_rocket_launchers_near_kherson_regi_on_325963

Ukraine ready to repel direct aggression from south - NSDC, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. "I should assure you that on the southern direction including we have now enough forces and means in order to stop direct aggression of the enemy," the NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Lysenko added that additional forces and technology come there, however, he cannot spread information about their number and directions of movement.

"If the military are not seen, this does not mean that they are absent. A good disguise is one of the main factors to achieve victory," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukraine_ready_to_repel_direct_aggression_from_south_nsd_325964

Terrorists disrupt exchange of captives, 08.09.2014

KYIV, September 8 /Ukrinform/. The self-declared "DPR" stops a process of exchange of captives since it says that it hasn't received a list of captured militants.

"There are fears that we will release everyone, and Kyiv will try to cheat," acting "minister of state security" of the "DPR" Leonid Baranov said on the website of terrorists.

Due to this, the "DPR" is not planning to release about 1,000 Ukrainian military in order not to become, as they allege, "victims of fraud."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_disrupt_exchange_of_captives_325969

'Truce': Terrorists stormed Ukrainian positions, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. Russian troops and terrorists continue to flagrantly violate the "truce," shelling and even attacking the positions of Ukrainian troops, including using heavy weapons. Ukrainian troops only return fire.

"Terrorists, using weapons, attempted to attack the stronghold of Ukrainian troops near the village of Rodnykove. The assault was repulsed," Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/truce_terrorists_stormed_ukrainian_positions_325974

Four servicemen killed during truce - Defense Ministry, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. Four Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and 29 wounded during a truce in eastern Ukraine, Director of the Military and Medical Department of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, Colonel Vitaliy Andronatiy said.

"During the truce period four servicemen were killed and 29 sustained injuries over this period," Andronatiy said.

He said that in general, military doctors had provided medical assistance to 2,517 servicemen wounded in the ATO area. As many as 1,173 wounded fighters are currently being treated in military hospitals, and 34 of them belong to other military units, including the National Guard and other security agencies.

In addition, 94 servicemen are being treated in civilian hospitals, primarily in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia regions, Andronatiy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/four_servicemen_killed_during_truce_defense_ministry_325975

National Security and Defense Council specifies: Five military killed during ceasefire, 09.09.2014

Kyiv, September 9 /Ukrinform/. "Over recent times, there are no dead, however, over three and half days since the moment of signing the Minsk protocol, deaths of five Ukrainian military was fixed, 33 wounded," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/national_security_and_defense_council_specifies_five_military_killed_during_ceasefire_325979

Law enforcers were fired about 100 times over ceasefire, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. "Since the beginning of the announced ceasefire mode (since 18:00, September 5, until September 9, 2014) terrorists and Russian military carried out shelling of the ATO positions 89 times. In particular, yesterday, roadblocks of the ATO positions were shelled in the area of settlements of Donetsk, Komyshevakha and Debaltseve," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/law_enforcers_were_fired_about_100_times_over_ceasefire_325980

Russians and militants regrouping in Donbas, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "The active movement of Russian-terrorist troops was reported near Luhansk, Lysychansk and Alchevsk," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russians_and_militants_regrouping_in_donbas_325993

Government forces come under Grad and artillery fire five times overnight, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "At least five attacks on the positions of Ukrainian troops were recorded. In particular, the positions of security forces near the settlement of Tonenke were shelled twice with Grad multiple rocket launchers. Artillery was used to shell the positions near the settlements of Pisky, Avdiyivka and at the Donetsk airport," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/government_forces_come_under_grad_and_artillery_fire_five_times_overnight_325994

No casualties reported among Ukrainian military in ATO zone last night - Dmytrashkivsky, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "Last night passed without losses among the personnel of the ATO forces," ATO headquarters spokesman Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky said.

He said that the work was also underway on the release of prisoners and that consultations were being held.

"I think that our guys will return home soon," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/no_casualties_reported_among_ukrainian_military_in_ato_zone_last_night_dmytrashkivsky_325995

Russia withdraws damaged combat equipment across Izvaryne, 10.09.2014

KYIV, September 10 /Ukrinform/. "Over recent two days, no less than 40 units of damaged Russian combat equipment were removed from Donbas to the territory of Russia in the area of the settlement of Izvaryne," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported this on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_withdraws_damaged_combat_equipment_across_izvaryne_326004

Russian-terrorist forces shell Donetsk airport three times overnight, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "In particular, the positions of Ukrainian troops at the Donetsk airport were shelled three times last night. The shelling was carried out with mortars. BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launchers were used to shell the positions of security forces near the settlement of Verkhnia Krynka. The shelling was carried out from the direction of the settlement of Khartsyzk," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_terrorist_forces_shell_donetsk_airport_three_times_overnight_326025

Terrorists planning to shell Donetsk to disrupt truce, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. Russian-terrorist forces are preparing provocations to disrupt the truce declared as part of the signing of the Minsk protocol, Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk has said.

According to the group, terrorists are planning to fire on Donetsk using Grad multiple rocket launchers in order to blame Ukrainian troops for the shelling.

Now, near the settlement of Olenivka, militants are moving two BM-21 Grad launchers that could be used as part of the plan, Tymchuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_planning_to_shell_donetsk_to_disrupt_truce_326028

Russians strengthen roadblocks in Kherson, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation carried out the fortification arrangement of roadblocks near the village of Strilkove, Kherson region. Yesterday, concrete blocks were delivered and unloaded by two trucks Ural to the area of Arabatska Spit," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russians_strengthen_roadblocks_in_kherson_326036

Quiet on border with Russia yesterday, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "There were no clashes on the border during the last day. Facts of aerial reconnaissance and airspace violations also were not reported in Ukraine," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/quiet_on_border_with_russia_yesterday_326038

Militants shell Ukrainian army positions 20 times in past 24 hours - NSDC, 11.09.2014

Illegal armed groups have fired on the checkpoints and positions of Ukrainian Armed Forces units in Donetsk region about 20 times over the past 24 hours, the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC) has reported.

NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at a briefing on Thursday that shelling had been reported near Kirovske, Avdiyivka, Mayorske, Starolaspa, Maloorlivka, Komyshuvakha, Popasna, Krasnohorivka, Petrivske, and Karpivka.

"[Ukrainian] positions near the Donetsk airport were shelled three times," Lysenko said.

In addition, Russian-led militants committed attacks on Debaltseve in Donetsk region and Pisky in Luhansk region, presenting them as the actions of Ukrainian artillery.

"As many as 129 cases of shelling of the positions of Ukrainian security forces have been recorded since the beginning of the declared ceasefire at 1800 on September 5. There have been no losses among the servicemen of the ATO forces in the past 24 hours," he said.

At the same time, he said, government forces were isolating a crisis area and carrying out a check regime on key routes.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/222952.html>

Dozen Russian military vehicles leave Ukraine - Security and Defense Council, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "The Ukrainian military are recording the regrouping of the Russian Armed Forces and terrorists in the border area and settlements temporarily controlled by militants," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dozen_russian_military_vehicles_leave_ukraine_security_and_defense_council_326039

"LPR" blocks deliveries of Ukrainians coal enterprises, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. "Terrorists of the "LPR" "blocked the delivery of coal for enterprises of Luhansvuhillia, Donbasanratsit, Anratsit, Rovenkyanratsit, Sverdlovanratsit to Ukrainian consumers and exported coal to Russia," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lpr_blocks_deliveries_of_ukrainians_coal_enterprises_326040

Column of hundred pieces of military equipment proceeds to Luhansk from Russian Federation, 11.09.2014

KYIV, September 11 /Ukrinform/. Through the checkpoint of Izvaryno towards Krasnodon from Russia on Wednesday a convoy proceeded of 12 tanks, 48 armored vehicles, 20 Ural trucks with ammunition, eight Ural trucks with staff and four air defense automobiles.

"On September 10, 2014, from Russia to Ukraine, 12 tanks, 48 armored personnel carriers, BRDM 1, 20 Ural trucks, loaded with ammunition, eight Ural trucks with staff, four air defense automobiles and five tankers proceeded through the checkpoint of Izvaryno towards Krasnodon," a statement of press service of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column_of_hundred_pieces_of_military_equipment_proceeds_to_luhansk_from_russian_federation_326044

Security forces set up over 100 checkpoints in Donbas, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "Ukrainian Armed Forces, National Guard and Interior Ministry units have set up over a hundred roadblocks and strongholds along the border of the crisis area. Particular attention is being paid to the fortification of defenses in Sector M (the area of Mariupol)," Information Resistance group leader Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/security_forces_set_up_over_100_checkpoints_in_donbas_326046

Terrorists shell Ukrainian army positions near four localities, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "A roadblock near the settlement of Maloorlivka and a stronghold near the settlement of Pisky came under mortar fire. Moreover, the positions near the settlements of Artema and Shchastia were shelled with small arms," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook, adding that according to preliminary reports, there were no losses among Ukrainian servicemen last night.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_ukrainian_army_positions_near_four_localities_326050

21 more servicemen released from captivity, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. Russian-led militants have released from captivity 21 Ukrainian servicemen, including five officers, Deputy Chairman of Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration Borys Filatov reported this on his Facebook page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/21_more_servicemen_released_from_captivity_326048

Donetsk airport comes under Grad and artillery fire four times overnight, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "Russian-terrorist forces continue shelling the positions of Ukrainian troops. In particular, they shelled the positions at the Donetsk airport four times (one time with BM-21 Grad rockets, one time with mortars, and two times with cannon artillery)," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote this on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_airport_comes_under_grad_and_artillery_fire_four_times_overnight_326049

57 hostages released in past 24 hours, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "Fifty-seven Ukrainian servicemen who were captured by terrorists have been released as part of the Ukrainian president's peace plan in the past 24 hours," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/57_hostages_released_in_past_24_hours_326065

Temporarily displaced persons from Donbas make up over 234,000, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. More than 234,000 persons have already moved from the ATO area to other regions. At the same time, the number of temporarily displaced persons from Crimea, temporarily occupied by Russia, exceeded 17,000 persons. Head of the Interagency Coordination Staff Vasyl Stoyetsky said, the State Emergency Service press service informs.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/temporarily_displaced_persons_from_donbas_make_up_over_234000_326056

NSDC: Truce continues, no casualties among military, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "The situation in the ATO area remains tense. During the day, the ceasefire mode was maintained. But also single violations were recorded. No losses among Ukrainian military," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Lysenko said that the border is also quiet. "Over the day, clashes did not happen with Russian mercenaries on the border," the Spokesman said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_truce_continues_no_casualties_among_military_326069

Luhansk still without electricity, water and gas supply, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "Today, in Luhansk, still there is no electricity, water, gas and communications," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

According to him, today, as a result of fighting in Luhansk region, 52 settlements are completely disconnected from gas, another 27 - partially.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/luhansk_still_without_electricity_water_and_gas_supply_326076

Security and Defense Council says Russia stopped withdrawing its troops from Ukraine, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. "We have recorded that the withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine's territory has stopped," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/security_and_defense_council_says_russia_stopped_withdrawing_its_troops_from_ukraine_326078

Our forces survive at Donetsk airport under fire, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops repulsed a massive assault on their position in the area of the Donetsk airport and survived during the subsequent fire of the enemy artillery. Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies and head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on the results of this battle on Facebook.

"The assault was repulsed. Following that, the terrorists shelled the airport twice from the artillery and mortars," the report says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/our_forces_survive_at_donetsk_airport_under_fire_326082

Enemy opens fire 40 times over night and shelled houses of civilians, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "For the past day, about 40 times shelling was fixed on the part of Russian forces and militants. Ukrainian troops strictly observed the ceasefire," Head of the Center of Political and Military Studies, coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk announced on Facebook.

He also noted that the militants after provocations told residents of fired buildings that Ukrainian security forces shelled their homes.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/enemy_opens_fire_40_times_over_night_and_shelled_houses_of_civilians_326083

Terrorists shoot again from Grad and mortars in Donetsk, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. On Saturday morning, volleys of artillery are heard in Donetsk and Makiyivka.

The locals say on Twitter.

"Donetsk: 11.05 a.m., volleys of MLRS Grad are heard, artillery comes next. 11.12 a.m. A new volley of MLRS of Grad, on the east side of the city, seems from Hvardiyka, periodically mortar shells are heard," the Donbass Forces said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shoot_again_from_grad_and_mortars_in_donetsk_326087

NSDC: Killed one and wounded five military, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "Unfortunately, one Ukrainian military was killed last night, five persons were injured," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

According to him, over all the time since the announcement of the ceasefire, six Ukrainian military were killed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_killed_one_and_wounded_five_military_326090

36 hostages released from captivity over night - NSDC, 13.09.2014

September 13 /Ukrinform/. 36 Ukrainian citizens were released from captivity of terrorists on September 12, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"36 hostages were released for the past day," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/36_hostages_released_from_captivity_over_night_nsdc_326091

Terrorists continue shelling Donetsk airport with Grad rocket launchers, 13.09.2014

KYIV, September 13 /Ukrinform/. "Terrorists shelled the airport in Donetsk from Grad rocket launchers. The bombardment was carried out from the side of Yakovlivka and the area of Donetsk - Putyivka and the Kirov Mine," NSDC statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_continue_shelling_donetsk_airport_with_grad_rocket_launchers_326093

Bodies of 24 Ukrainian soldiers found near Ilovaik, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. Searchers found bodies of 24 Ukrainian soldiers near Ilovaik this weekend. Some of the remains were lying in a field next to the wrecked armored vehicles. The press office of the NGO "Union "National Memory" reports.

"On Saturday, September 13, the remains of 15 soldiers were found, on Sunday, September 14, the bodies of another nine soldiers were found, remains of eight soldiers were lying in the field, next to a broken armors," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bodies_of_24_ukrainian_soldiers_found_near_ilovaik_326101

Terrorists to get electricity from Russia, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. Heads of the "Luhansk People's Republic," recognized by the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine as a terrorist organization, are going to get electricity from Russia. The militants are going to build the power line for two months, and claim that the project is ready.

"There have been talks, but now we proceed to a more serious stage - we will rebuild and build a new line between the Russian Federation and the Luhansk People's Republic, which will give us extra electricity," head of the "Luhansk People's Republic" Igor Plotnitsky said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_to_get_electricity_from_russia_326099

Terrorists continue shelling residential areas, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 14 /Ukrinform/. Firing of positions and checkpoints of Ukrainian units from the Russian-terrorist forces did not stop during the weekend, Head of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk reported.

According to live data from the Information Resistance group, in total, over September 13-14, at least 40 attacks were recorded. Russian-terrorist forces are firing positions of not only Ukrainian troops, but civilians and civilian objects, especially buildings of civilians.

"There are cases of "friendly fire" between the militants and regular army units of the Russian Federation. As an example, in the area of Debaltseve, terrorists fired with the artillery a subversive and intelligence team of Russian troops. Skirmishes between groups of local terrorists are also recorded, including with the use of artillery," he said.

In Donetsk, local residents reported the sounds of fire, the situation is tense.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_continue_shelling_residential_areas_326094

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shoot_at_russian_military_and_each_other_326096

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/shooting_since_morning_in_donetsk_again_326098

Terrorists with Grad rush to Yasynuvata - attack was repelled, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. "Yesterday, ATO forces repulsed an attempt of the militants to break through under the settlement of Yasynuvata, Donetsk region, and drove the enemy back a few kilometers from the city," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_with_grad_rush_to_yasynuvata_attack_was_repelled_326102

Militants storm Donetsk airport again - witnesses, 15.09.2014

KYIV, September 15 /Ukrinform/. In Donetsk, the militants have again started shelling the airport and the railway station.

It is reported on the website of the city of Donetsk with reference to witnesses.

"Well, everything has started and was said at 15:30. From Smolianka, maybe even from the coke and chemical plant and the Kirov mine, rustled toward the airport, and there are no explosions," "These are not the volleys already, but booming. They beat all around the airport. People will have hard times there," Donetsk residents write in social networks.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_storm_donetsk_airport_again_witnesses_326109

Eight more Ukrainian servicemen released from captivity, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. Eight more Ukrainian servicemen were released from the captivity of militants in Donetsk on Monday, Ukrainian presidential press secretary Sviatoslav Tseholko has told.

He said that the SBU Anti-Terrorist Center had informed the president about the release of Ukrainians.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eight_more_ukrainian_servicemen_released_from_captivity_326113

Russian troops gathering near Lysychansk and Debaltseve, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. "The concentration of enemy troops is reported near Lysychansk and Debaltseve, where weapons, military equipment and manpower from among terrorist groups and Russian troops are supplied. The transfer of Russian units in the direction of Volnovakha is observed," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_gathering_near_lynychansk_and_debaltseve_326115

Three civilians killed, five injured in Donetsk over past 24 hours - city authorities, 16.09.2014

Three civilians have been killed and another five have been injured as a result of shelling in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, over the past 24 hours, the city administration said on its Web site. Gunfire has been heard in Donetsk and buildings and infrastructure have been damaged in the city over the past 24 hours, it said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/223762.html>

Terrorists preparing to use chemical weapons - ATO headquarters, 16.09.2014

KYIV, September 16 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian security services have learned through radio intercepts that terrorists are preparing to use chemical weapons to capture the Donetsk airport, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported on Facebook.

"After numerous unsuccessful attempts by illegal armed groups to seize the Donetsk airport, which is protected by Ukrainian security forces, terrorists, as one of their last chances, are planning to use chemical weapons, in particular, the Tyulpan mortar and respective chemical ammunition banned by international norms, which may also affect civilians in the region. It should be noted that the said arms and ammunition are not in service with the Ukrainian Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations of our country," the ATO headquarters said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_preparing_to_use_chemical_weapons_ato_headquarters_326125

Fighting in Donetsk: Injured are reported, nine-storey building on fire, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. In Donetsk, a battle continues in the vicinity of the airport: there are wounded, a nine-storey building is on fire, reported on Donetsk city website

"A fight continues in the vicinity of the airport in Donetsk. Two women are injured. In a shootout of the

"DPR" militants, storming the airport, and the Ukrainian military in the defense, in the area of the Putilovsky market, two women were wounded with a shrapnel. A nine-storey house is on fire in 11a Vzletna Street," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_airport_in_smoke_militants_launch_assault_326133

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fighting_in_donetsk_injured_are_reported_nine_storey_building_on_fire_326140

Militants shelling populated localities, casualties reported, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. Militants have increased the number of attacks on populated localities in the past 24 hours, with deaths and injuries being reported among the civilian population, the press center for the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) has reported.

"Bandits have increased the number of attacks on peaceful settlements, which are located near the positions of Ukrainian troops. These provocations are being made to discredit the ATO forces and intimidate the population of Donbas. In particular, bandits shelled the settlements of Orlivka, Verkhnia Krynka, and Kurakhove," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shelling_populated_localities_casualties_reported_326134

"DPR" claims Russian "humanitarian aid" already in Donetsk region, 17.09.2014

KYIV, September 17 /Ukrinform/. The so-called "DPR" states that wagons with Russian "humanitarian aid" for Luhansk have already arrived in Donetsk region.

"Currently, humanitarian aid is in Rubizhne railway station of the Donetsk Railway," a statement reads. As noted, there are four covered railway carriages in the train. Now, the "DPR leaders" are in talks with representatives of the OSCE and the Red Cross for further transportation of the cargo to Luhansk.

The "DPR" claims that the "humanitarian aid" will be delivered to a destination over the future days. It is planned that the cargo will move on the route "Rubizhne - Venherivka - Sentianivka - Rodakove - Luhansk."

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/dpr_claims_russian_humanitarian_aid_already_in_donetsk_region_326139

Militants launch radar station in Luhansk, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. "In Luhansk region, militants of the "LPR" and the Russian Federation units are preparing for the recovery action and continued fighting. For the last 2-3 days, they spent a number of rearrangements and multiple groups with shock armor are concentrated in the northeastern area of the ATO and the north of Luhansk, earlier, several convoys of ammunition and fuel were delivered from Russia," Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies "Information Resistance" Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_launch_radar_station_in_luhansk_326156

Russia moves all troops from northern Crimea to border with mainland Ukraine, 18.09.2014

KYIV, September 18 /Ukrinform/. "Almost all Russian military units that were stationed in the northern part of the occupied Crimea, and these are 4,000 fighters, have been moved from the settlements of Armiansk, Krasnoperekopsk, Dzhankoi, Voinka and Azovske to the administrative border with the mainland Ukraine, with all equipment and ammunition and are located in small tactical groups from the Karkinit Bay to the Arabat Spit," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

According to him, the Russians continue active aerial reconnaissance, using drones.

"Border guards have recorded three of such cases in the past 24 hours. One drone was detected near Mariupol and two more on the administrative border with the temporarily occupied Crimea," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_moves_all_troops_from_northern_crimea_to_border_with_mainland_ukraine_326173

Terrorists release three intelligence officers from captivity, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "Three Ukrainian intelligence officers were released today. Glory to Ukraine!" the press service of the head of state has reported on Twitter.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_release_three_intelligence_officers_from_captivity_326185

Some 50 Russian tanks and 100 armored vehicles deployed on border with Kherson region, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. Russia continues to increase its military presence in the temporarily occupied Crimea near the administrative border of Kherson region, ekspres.ua has reported.

In particular, Russian troops were deployed from the Karkinit Bay to the Arabat Spit.

The Ukrainian State Border Service has confirmed this report.

Border guards counted 50 tanks and 100 armored vehicles of the Russian army along the administrative border.

"Nearly 4,000 personnel are not on the administrative border, but at a distance of three to ten kilometers. There are tanks, armored personnel carriers, and multiple launch rocket systems," the head of the media liaisons department of the State Border Service administration, Oleh Slobodian, said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/some_50_russian_tanks_and_100_armored_vehicles_deployed_on_border_with_kherson_region_326177

Two GRU groups of General Staff of Russia arrive in Donbas - Tymchuk, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. In a combat zone of Donbas, the tensest situation persists in the area Donetsk, Horlivka and Debaltseve. Russian-terrorist troops continue active efforts to oust the Ukrainian troops from their occupied positions, which is accompanied by fire, including the use of heavy weapons.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"In the direction of Telmanove-Starobesheve, replacement of the regular army units for local terrorist groups is observed, whose level of professional training and discipline is much lower.

These army units of Russia are thrown to Debaltseve and Donetsk," he wrote.

"Also, in the last 2 days, the arrival in Donbas from Russia of two new company tactical teams is marked, as well as a special operations unit of GRU of the General Staff (GRU - Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Federation). A battery was identified of Russian 240-mm mortar 2S4 Tulpan (4 units)," Tymchuk said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_gru_groups_of_general_staff_of_russia_arrive_in_donbas_tymchuk_326178

Terrorist saboteurs active in coastal direction, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. "There is activation of sabotage and reconnaissance groups of enemy troops on the Ukrainian territory, controlled primarily in Luhansk region and in the coastal direction (the direction in areas of Volnovakha-Mariupol)," coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorist_saboteurs_active_in_coastal_direction_326186

Donetsk shelled at night again, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. The night of September 18-19 was restless in Donetsk. Due to regular shelling, residents of Kuibyshev district were affected, one person was killed.

"At 22:00, as a result of a regular shelling, residents of Kuibyshev district were affected. Due to the falling shells, houses were damaged in Stratonavtiv and Rustaveli streets. The pipelines were damaged by shrapnel. One civilian was killed," a statement of the press service of the Donetsk City Council reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_shelled_at_night_again_326184

Two servicemen killed, six missing in east Ukraine in past 24 hours, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. Two Ukrainian servicemen were killed, three more injured and six went missing in Donbas over the past day, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/two_servicemen_killed_six_missing_in_east_ukraine_in_past_24_hours_326190

Russian 'aid convoy' arrives in Donetsk, 20.09.2014

KYIV, September 20 /Ukrinform/. A column of about 200 trucks with Russian the third "humanitarian aid convoy" arrived in Donetsk on Saturday.

According to the Russian news agency, the Russian vehicles allegedly delivered "food, power generators, medicines, warm clothes, and bottled drinking water" for residents of southeastern Ukraine.

The total weight of the cargo is about 2,000 tonnes.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_aid_convoy_arrives_in_donetsk_326200

Ukrainian military kill two dozen terrorists and destroy Grad rocket launcher, 20.09.2014

KYIV, September 20 /Ukrinform/. The ATO forces, in response to numerous attacks on their checkpoints and bases, have killed several dozen militants and destroyed a Grad multiple rocket launcher and four mortars, the ATO press center has reported.

"Firing in return, the ATO forces killed up to 20 terrorists, one BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launching system and four mortars," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_kill_two_dozen_terrorists_and_destroy_grad_rocket_launcher_326202

Over 4,600 refugees leave Donbas conflict zone in past 24 hours, 20.09.2014

KYIV, September 20 /Ukrinform/. A total of 4,620 people have left the area of the ATO in Donetsk and Luhansk regions over the past 24 hours.

"Some 238, 235 people have been resettled from the ATO area to other regions, including 79,242 children and 35, 388 disabled and elderly. Some 4,620 resettlers were registered in the past 24 hours," the deputy head of the information and analytical center of the NSDC, Volodymyr Poliovy said.

Only 43 persons left Crimea over the past day, he added.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/over_4600_refugees_leave_donbas_conflict_zone_in_past_24_hours

About 1,200 people released from terrorist captivity, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. The implementation of a peace plan of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has helped release nearly 1,200 people who were captured by terrorists.

"About 1,200 civilians and Ukrainian servicemen who were captured by terrorists have been released as part of the implementation of the plan," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said. He said that 28 Ukrainian servicemen from the 30th and 93rd brigades, 40th battalion and 6th border detachment had been released in the past 24 hours.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/about_1200_people_released_from_terrorist_captivity_326221

Third Russian 'aid convoy' brings weapons for militants, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. A third uninvited Russian "aid convoy" that arrived in Donetsk on Saturday brought ammunition and jammers for terrorists, rather than humanitarian assistance.

"The arrival of electronic warfare and signals intelligence stations from Russia has been recorded. These stations are operated by staff Russian experts and protected only by Russian servicemen. They move only at night, are carefully disguised, and the parameters of the work of stations are not disclosed to local terrorists. Some vehicles arrived with the so-called 'humanitarian convoy' from Russia," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk wrote.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/third_russian_aid_convoy_brings_weapons_for_militants_326209

Ukrainian troops to leave positions only synchronously with Russian military - NSDC, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian troops will leave a buffer zone in Ukraine's eastern regions only synchronously with Russian military.

"If there is a withdrawal, then everything should be done synchronously - along with the withdrawal of Russian troops," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"The main point of the Minsk agreements was the provision on a ceasefire. The first point is not being observed, so we currently don't talk about other points," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_to_leave_positions_only_synchronously_with_russian_military_nsd_326208

Russia does not shell Ukraine over past day - NSDC, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. "Violations of the state border and airspace of Ukraine in the areas, controlled by Ukrainian border guards, were not fixed over the last day. Also, there was no shelling from the Russian Federation," said NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_does_not_shell_ukraine_over_past_day_nsd_326222

Ukrainian military in Debaltseve come under Grad and artillery fire, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. page."The positions of Ukrainian troops near the town of Debaltseve were shelled four times. The shelling was carried out with artillery, mortars and BM-21 Grad multiple launch rocket systems," Information Resistance group leader Dmytro Tymchuk reported on Facebook.

As per him, positions near Mariupol were fired at twice, including with Grad rockets, whereas positions near the airport in Donetsk were shelled four times, including with tanks and mortars. At least 40 attacks on the anti-terrorist operation forces were recorded, he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_military_in_debaltseve_come_under_grad_and_artillery_fire_326211

Terrorists bombard settlement near Yenakiyev with mortars, 22.09.2014

KYIV, September 22 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists in Yenakiyev made another attempt to discredit the ATO forces. On a night to Monday, they shelled from mortars the settlement of Novoorlivka, trying to imitate violation of the truce on the part of Ukrainian security forces.

"Our intelligence registered shelling of the settlement of Novoorlivka by separatists. Shelling was with the use 120-mm mortars and took place on a night for September 22 between 4-5 a.m. As a result, a house of a local teacher was fully ruined, another several premises were seriously damaged," Ukrainian officer, witness of the event, said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_bombard_settlement_near_yenakiyev_with_mortars_326220

"LPR" withdraws documents from captives and dead, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "The "LPR" leadership orders militants to start "hunting" for Ukrainian military documents. Military tickets, identity cards, etc. are withdrawn from captives and victims of Ukrainian military," coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/lpr_withdraws_documents_from_captives_and_dead_326235

Bomb not found at Ukrinform, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. A bomb has not been found in the building of the Ukrinform Ukrainian National News Agency, whose employees were evacuated at 12.03 on Tuesday due to reports of a bomb threat. The agency is currently operating normally.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/bomb_not_found_at_ukrinform_326239

Rotation of Russian troops reported in eastern Ukraine, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. "The redeployment of Russian troops is reported on the Ukrainian-Russian border. There is a rotation of units, some of which left Ukrainian territory, but other units entered instead of them," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Also he said, the Russian side continues training militants in military camps on its territory.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rotation_of_russian_troops_reported_in_eastern_ukraine_326241

No losses among Ukrainian servicemen in eastern Ukraine in past 24 hours - NSDC, 23.09.2014

ATO forces have sustained no losses in the Donbas in the past 24 hours despite periodic shelling by members of illegal armed groups. Thus, Ukrainian security forces have recorded the cessation of shelling by Russian militants from approximately 23.00 on September 22, NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

"In general we can say that the night was quiet, and there are no casualties among Ukrainian soldiers," he said at a briefing in Kyiv.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/225067.html>

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_confirms_ukrainian_positions_not_shelled_last_night_326242

Kremlin training terrorists to seize whole of Donbas – Tymchuk, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. Military experts receive more witnesses of the fact that the "DPR" and the "LPR," who want to capture the whole territory of Donbas, are training for further conduct of combat actions under the guidance of Moscow.

"Centralized depots of the arms, ammunition and fuel were created. A repair base is created for equipment and armaments. Specialists from a variety of areas come from Russia - from repair of the communication to the electronic warfare," Leader of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

Meanwhile, the NSDC says that the leadership of terrorist organizations "LPR" and "DPR" have finally started to perform the points of the peace plan.

Proof, according to the NSDC, is that "the Ukrainian border guards at the defense line did not observe any unmanned aircraft during the last day."

"But over the last day, militants fired positions of Ukrainian troops more than 40 times. So, there is no peace there. We will wait for morning reports, although hopes for change are very little - until tonight, for example, terrorist attacks were in the area of Donetsk, Shchastia and Mariupol," Tymchuk says.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kremlin_training_terrorists_to_seize_whole_of_donbas_tymchuk_326236

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_ato_forces_tenfold_last_night_326234

Donetsk city administration reports civilian casualty, 23.09.2014

A civilian was killed in a series of artillery attacks on Donetsk on Monday evening. All was quiet in the city during the night, the city administration press service reported on Tuesday.

Artillery hit the Kyivsky and Kuibyshevsky districts of the city. Shells damaged trunk gas pipelines in the direct proximity to the Donetsk airport, on Stratonavtov and Zlitna Streets, the press service said.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/225028.html>

OSCE observers come under fire in Luhansk region, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. OSCE observers have come under fire in Luhansk region, the press center of the Pivnich operational command has reported on Facebook.

"During one of the attacks on a unit that guards the bridge over the Siversky Donets River, OSCE representatives, who were at the site of shelling during the incident, also come under fire. In order to preserve the life and health of personnel and representatives of the [OSCE] mission the military returned fire," reads the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/osce_observers_come_under_fire_in_luhansk_region_326261

Ukrainian troops repel attack near Maloorlivka, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. "Near the village of Maloorlivka in Shakhtarsk district terrorists fired five times on a checkpoint with Grad systems, guns, mortars and tanks, and then began the storming. Ukrainian military returned fire and repulsed the attack," NSDC spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Lysenko said that the situation in the ATO area remains difficult. Ukrainian units observe the ceasefire, whereas terrorists continue provocations.

"Our checkpoints and positions were shelled in the Luhansk and Donetsk directions," he said. He added that in the past 24 hours the NSDC had recorded a series of attacks on Donetsk Airport and near the town of Debaltseve.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrainian_troops_repel_attack_near_maloorlivka_326268

Russian troops continue redeployment in Ukraine, 25.09.2014

KYIV, September 25 /Ukrinform/. Despite the ceasefire agreement, Russian troops continue to bombard the ATO forces and carry out the redeployment.

Press Secretary of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Andriy Lysenko told a briefing.

"The terrorists and Russian mercenaries carried out several attacks at Ukrainian positions in the ATO area. Russians continue redeployment of forces and means," Lysenko said.

At the same time, Ukrainian units adhere to the ceasefire. "No death toll among Ukrainian military over the last night," the press secretary of the NSDC IAC stressed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_troops_continue_redeployment_in_ukraine_326292

Situation in Ukraine's eastern regions, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. The situation in eastern Ukraine remains tense. Despite the declared ceasefire, terrorists continue to shell Ukrainian army positions.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/situation_in_ukraines_eastern_regions_map_326314

Three military wounded over day, no casualties, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. Over the previous day, there were no casualties among Ukrainian military, although terrorists fired four times on positions of Ukrainian military in the area of Nykyshyne and Maloorlivka, Shakhtarsk district. Three military were wounded.

"Terrorists shelled with artillery, mortars and firearms, and then attempted an assault. The ATO forces repelled all attacks, terrorists incurred losses. Near Kamianka, terrorists damaged one our APC and wounded three military," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko informs.

According to Lysenko, Wednesday, in the area of the settlement of Sartana, Donetsk region, terrorists shelled a roadblock with mortars, located on the crossroad of Kominternove-Mariupol-Tolakivka. During the bombardment, a group of the ATO intelligence forces detained a local inhabitant - the saboteur.

Also, in Donetsk, after two unsuccessful attempts to assault the airport, militants shelled it three times of its Grad rocket launchers and mortars.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/three_military_wounded_over_day_no_casualties_326317

Trilateral Contact Group meeting attended by over 70 Russian servicemen, 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. Seventy-six Russian servicemen have been involved in participation in a working group of the joint center for monitoring and coordination of the ceasefire and the phased stabilization of the line of contact in eastern Ukraine, which began its work on Friday.

"The group includes representatives of the Ukrainian side, the OSCE monitoring group and 76 servicemen of the Russian Armed Forces," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko.

He said that Russian servicemen officially had status of the trilateral working group members.

Lysenko said that the main objective of the center's working group was to take measures aimed at establishing a complete ceasefire regime.

"It is planned to withdraw systems of more than 100 millimeter caliber and create a 30-kilometer delimitation zone, which is envisaged by the Minsk memorandum, as well as to dismantle previously installed mines and explosive barriers in the designated areas of the warring parties," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/trilateral_contact_group_meeting_attended_by_over_70_russian_servicemen_326324

Militants shelling Shchastia, casualties among civilian population, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. Militants continue to cause distress to residents of Donbas and destroy the infrastructure of the region.

"So, as a result of mortar shelling of the settlement of Shchastia from the settlement of Vesela Hora, the city hospital was destructed and several civilian buildings, one woman was killed and 16 local residents were wounded, three of them - in a serious condition," a statement of the ATO PressCenter reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shelling_shchastia_casualties_among_civilian_population_326326

Artillery volleys wake Donetsk, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. The night passed quietly in Donetsk. September 27 morning began with artillery salvos.

"As of 10.00 a.m., it is restless in the city, the sounds of gunfire from heavy guns are occasionally heard," a statement of the press service of the Donetsk City Council reads.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/artillery_volleys_wake_donetsk_326327

Terrorists continue attacks: ATO forces do not surrender positions, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. Yesterday evening, terrorists repeatedly fired on Ukrainian roadblocks and positions of the ATO forces. The ATOPressCenter informed.

"The night before, uncontrolled armed groups fired on positions of Ukrainian troops in the vicinity of settlements of Frunze, Bohdanivka and Pisky. The most tense situation developed near Debaltseve," a statement reads.

Also, according to the ATO Staff, militants fired more than once on our roadblocks in Maloorlivka, Popasna, on Hostra Mohyla, and stormed Nekishyne.

Currently, the positions of Ukrainian troops are under control of the ATO.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_continue_attacks_ato_forces_do_not_surrender_positions_326328

Militants shell hospital, housing office, and vocational school in Shchastia - NSDC, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. "Despite all the efforts of the Ukrainian side to establish a ceasefire, terrorists continue to violate the reached agreements, trying to oust the Ukrainian military from their positions and expand their territory. Throughout the day, illegal armed groups have repeatedly carried out attacks and provocations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. In the settlement of Shchastia, due to mortar fire, the building of the city hospital was damaged, the military commandant's office, municipal office and the vocational training school No.50. As a result of these attacks, one woman was killed and 16 civilians were injured, three of them are in a serious condition in a hospital," Deputy Head of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Volodymyr Polievyy informed.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_shell_hospital_housing_office_and_vocational_school_in_shchastia_nsd_326333

NSDC names condition for withdrawal of heavy equipment from ATO area, 27.09.2014

KYIV, September 27 /Ukrinform/. "The Ukrainian side agreed on its dividing line between the parties. These proposals are passed to the Russian side, and then the Russians carry out contacts with illegal armed groups. Hence, there is some delay. This does not mean that the Ukrainian side fails to fulfil the agreement and withdraw heavy weapons, as required by the first stage. But the first step that would allow the Ukrainian side to do it is the establishment of a "regime of silence" - 24 hours of the "regime of silence" will mean the beginning of the withdrawal and proper establishment of the boundary line," Deputy Head of the NSDC Information-Analytical Center Volodymyr Polievyy said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nsdc_names_condition_for_withdrawal_of_heavy_equipment_from_ato_area_326334

Russian-terrorist troops shelling security forces, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. In a combat zone in Donbas, Russian-terrorist troops continue an active offensive. There were more than 50 attacks at positions and block-posts of Ukrainian troops.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk reported.

Also, according to live data of the Information Resistance, besides the attacks, repeated attempts of assaults were recorded at positions of the ATO forces at the Donetsk airport, as well as in the area of Debaltseve and Trudivske.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russian_terrorist_troops_shelling_security_forces_326336

Russia leaves terrorists without gasoline and with dry food rations, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Russia is in no hurry to share fuel with militants: the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics are in a critical situation as to gasoline.

Coordinator of the Information Resistance group Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on his Facebook page.

"Despite the active assistance of Russia, the "LPR" and "DPR" have a critical situation with fuel. In the "LPR," bids for allocation of fuel are approved by the head of the "Republic." In Luhansk, 300 liters of fuel are allocated for 157 cars of the so-called "police" of the militants and the "city authorities," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_leaves_terrorists_without_gasoline_and_with_dry_food_rations_326337

Terrorists shell positions of National Guard three times over one day, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. "The bombardment continues. Only over the last day, militants fired three times the checkpoints of the National Guard near the settlements of Zolote, on the outskirts of Debaltseve and a convoy near the village of Zhelobok, resulting in a damaged armored personnel carrier," the press service of the National Guard of Ukraine said.

According to the National Guard, in general, ever since the peace plan for resolving the conflict in eastern Ukraine came into force, illegal armed formations made 110 mortar and artillery shelling of roadblocks of the National Guard.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shell_positions_of_national_guard_three_times_over_one_day_326338

Column of armed vehicles under "DPR" banners arrives in Makiyivka, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists on the territory of Donetsk region were reinforced. A column of armored vehicles under the flags of the so-called "DPR" was noted in Makiyivka.

This was reported by the TSN with reference to foreign journalists.

"An armored column was noted in Makiyivka. They counted a dozen vehicles. It drove under the flags of the so-called "DPR," a statement said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/column_of_armed_vehicles_under_dpr_banners_arrives_in_makiyivka_326339

Seven Ukrainian military killed at Donetsk airport- Facebook, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. On Monday, at the airport Donetsk, seven Ukrainian soldiers were killed of the 79th Detached Airborne Brigade and nine injured.

"9:00 a.m.: seven are killed, nine - wounded at the Donetsk airport. A direct hit from a tank into the APC. Tanks of separatists are set on fire," coordinator of the volunteer project "Wings of the Phoenix," Advisor to the President of Ukraine Yuriy Biriukov writes on his Facebook page.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/seven_ukrainian_military_killed_at_donetsk_airport_facebook_326342

ATO forces destroy three tanks, two Tulpan mortars and 50 militants, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. ATO forces kill militants and Russian mercenaries, who refuse to adhere to the ceasefire. "The total number of recorded destruction over a day is three enemy tanks, two self-propelled Tulpan mortars, mortar servants and about 50 militants," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Colonel Andriy Lysenko said.

According to him, despite the ceasefire, Russian terrorists and mercenaries attacked the bases of the ATO forces near the settlement of Debaltseve and near the village of Trudivske, in the Maryinsky district and twice tried to storm the Donetsk airport, but all attacks were repulsed.

"Yesterday, after a mortar attack, the terrorists once again tried to storm the Donetsk airport.

During the day, our forces repulsed two powerful storms. In the extremely difficult situation, Ukrainian military demonstrated true heroism. They rejected the enemy and destroyed a tank, which previously destroyed our APC," the Spokesman for the Information-Analytical Center of the National Security and Defence Council noted.

He added that during the evening attack, the Ukrainian armored vehicle was hit with the crew and troops from the terrorists' tank. "Due to an intense combat, our paratroopers suffered losses," Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ato_forces_destroy_three_tanks_two_tulpan_mortars_and_50_militants_326343

Fighting for airport continues in Donetsk, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Fighting continues in the area of the Donetsk airport, while communal services conduct works on renewal of damaged gas pipelines and electric lines.

"As of 13:00, the situation in Donetsk continues to be extremely tense. Combat actions in the area of the airport do not stop," a statement of the Donetsk City Council press service reads.
http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fighting_for_airport_continues_in_donetsk_326345

Fighting continues near airport in morning in Donetsk, 29.09.2014

KYIV, September 29 /Ukrinform/. Volley of heavy guns shake Donetsk from the morning. Fights are near the airport.

Intensity of fire is one artillerist shell per minute. Grad rocket launchers worked in the evening. Yesterday, during shelling in Donetsk, several people were killed (their exact number is specified), buildings of the Kyiv District Council and the Tochmash Enterprise were damaged, as well as houses.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/fighting_continues_near_airport_in_morning_in_donetsk_326335

Donetsk Airport comes under fire from tanks, situation extremely tense, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. "The situation is extremely tense near the airport in Donetsk: at 06.15, militants shelled the airport from tanks, and the accumulation of more than 100 terrorists was recorded in the nearby area," Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_airport_comes_under_fire_from_tanks_situation_extremely_tense_326353

Donetsk comes under powerful fire - NSDC, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. "This morning, a few dozen attacks were in Donetsk, houses were damaged in about five districts of the city," NSDC Information-Analytical Center spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/donetsk_comes_under_powerful_fire_nsd_326362

Terrorists shelling Popasna with Grad rockets, casualties reported, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. Terrorists are intensively shelling the town of Popasna in Luhansk region with Grad multiple rocket launchers, and there are people killed and wounded, according to the official website of the head of Luhansk Regional State Administration.

"On Tuesday, September 30, at about 09.30, LPR terrorists began the intensive shelling of the town of Popasna with Grad multiple launch rocket systems. The ambulance station is on fire in the district center, and there are people killed and wounded," the report says.

Shelling continues. Shells have completely destroyed a bridge near the village of Troitske.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/terrorists_shelling_popasna_with_grad_rockets_casualties_reported_326357

Militants fire more than 1,000 times on Ukrainian security forces during "truce", 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. "Total number of firing on positions of Ukrainian troops by Russian-terrorist forces exceeded 1,000 since the bilateral ceasefire was announced," Head of the Center of Military and Political Studies Dmytro Tymchuk wrote on Facebook.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/militants_fire_more_than_1000_on_ukrainian_security_forces_during_truce_326351

Night passes quietly - ATO headquarters, 30.09.2014

KYIV, September 30 /Ukrinform/. "A night was quiet in the ATO area. The situation at the Donetsk airport and nearby Debaltseve is controlled by the ATO forces... The situation around Mariupol is completely controlled by Ukrainian soldiers," the ATO press center reported on FB. At the same time, they added that over the last day, the Ukrainian positions were shelled of Grad rocket launchers in settlements of Nikishyne, Maloorlivka, Ridkodub and Chornukhine.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/night_passes_quietly_ato_headquarters_326354

Pilot Savchenko

Nadia Savchenko taken from Voronezh jail – lawyer, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian female pilot Nadia Savchenko, who is held in Russia, has been taken from Voronezh jail, her lawyer, Mark Feygin, has reported on Twitter. "Nadia Savchenko has been taken from Voronezh pre-trial detention center No. 3. This became known only this morning," he said.

According to him, Savchenko was taken on Monday, and her current whereabouts is not known. "We expect an official report from investigators on the whereabouts of Nadia Savchenko," the lawyer said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nadia_savchenko_taken_from_voronezh_jail_lawyer_326259

Nadia Savchenko to undergo psychiatric examination in Moscow, 24.09.2014

KYIV, September 24 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko will undergo a psychiatric examination in Moscow, ITAR-TASS reported on Wednesday, citing Russian Investigative Committee spokesman Vladimir Markin.

"Ukrainian servicewoman Nadia Savchenko, who is charged with involvement in the killing of Russian journalists near Luhansk, will undergo a psychiatric examination, which will be held in Moscow," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/nadia_savchenko_to_undergo_psychiatric_examination_in_moscow_326275

Nadia Savchenko: "If necessary, I'll lie down and die", 26.09.2014

KYIV, September 26 /Ukrinform/. Ukrainian aviatrix Nadia Savchenko communicated with special correspondent of Moskovsky Komsomolets Yeva Merkacheva. Merkacheva herself wrote on Facebook.

"I spoke today with Ukrainian military aviatrix Nadia Savchenko. She is stiff, strong, with anger in her eyes. She is like a lone wolf for me. Incidentally, Nadia has neither husband nor children..." "If it is necessary, I'll lie down and die," she even says so, as though she fires," Merkacheva wrote.

According to her, Savchenko is "a soldier born and bred." "I should be in Ukraine with those with whom I want, and do what I want ... I was kidnapped and held in Russia illegally. (Pause.) So I want to yell at someone, and there is no one to yell at..." the Russian journalist quoted Savchenko.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/if_necessary_ill_lie_down_and_die_326316

Mass Media

Ukrinform journalist Oleh Zadoyanchuk killed in Donbas, 06.09.2014

KYIV, September 6 /Ukrinform/. Ukrinform journalist Oleh Zadoyanchuk died early on September 4 as a result of artillery shelling near Luhansk.

He was mobilized on August 29. On September 2, he and 16 other soldiers took the oath in the 12th Kyiv territorial defense battalion. In the early hours of September 4, the enemy's artillery destroyed their camp in the village of Dmytrivka, Novoaidar district, Luhansk region.

Zadoyanchuk was 43 years old. The journalist will be buried on Monday, August 8, on the Alley of Heroes at the Lukianivske cemetery.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/ukrinform_journalist_oleh_zadoyanchuk_killed_in_donbas_325942

Ukraine Worldwide

Kolomoisky's property arrested in Moscow, 02.09.2014

KYIV, September 2 /Ukrinform/. On Tuesday, September 2, the Russian Investigative Committee reported the arrest in Moscow of the property of Ukrainian businessman and Dnipropetrovsk Regional Governor Ihor Kolomoisky.

A respective resolution has been published on the website of the committee.

"For the purpose of stopping terrorist financing and other criminal acts in relation to civilians in southeastern Ukraine investigators are establishing information about the property of Ihor Kolomoisky both in Russia and abroad for the purpose of arresting it," reads the statement.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/kolomoiskys_property_arrested_in_moscow_325829

Russia bans imports of all confectionaries from Ukraine, 05.09.2014

KYIV, September 5 /Ukrinform/. The Russian Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare (Rospotrebnadzor) suspended imports of all confectionaries from Ukraine from September 5, according to a statement posted on Rospotrebnadzor's website.

"The Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare reports that as a result of state supervision over turnover of food products during checks on confectionary products from Konti and AVK (Ukraine), it recorded the violation of legislative requirements in the field of consumer protection (incompliance with the requirements applicable to product labeling). In order to guarantee the rights of consumers, Rospotrebnadzor is suspending the import of Ukrainian confectionaries to Russia starting on September 5, 2014," the agency said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russia_bans_imports_of_all_confectionaries_from_ukraine_325930

Russians controlled Buk missile system that downed MH17 - eyewitnesses, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. Russians were operating a Buk missile launcher seen in the area where the Malaysia Airlines passenger jet MH17 was shot down, eyewitnesses have told BBC Panorama.

"Three eyewitnesses, all civilians, separately told Panorama that they saw a missile-launcher in rebel-held territory a few hours before the Boeing jet was hit," reads the report.

One eyewitness saw the missile-launcher roll off a low-loader at Snizhne, around ten miles from the crash site, at around 13.30 local time.

"We just saw it being offloaded and when the Buk started its engine the exhaust smoke filled the whole town square," he said.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/russians_controlled_buk_missile_system_that_downed_mh17_eyewitnesses_325973

Malaysian Boeing broke up in air due to damage from outside - report, 09.09.2014

KYIV, September 9 /Ukrinform/. During the investigation into the crash of the Boeing 777 passenger plane, which occurred in eastern Ukraine, there were no indications that the MH17 crash was caused by a technical fault or by actions of the crew. The plane broke up in the air as a result of structural damage from outside.

This is stated in a preliminary report released by the Dutch Safety Board on Tuesday.

"Flight MH17 with a Boeing 777-200 operated by Malaysia Airlines broke up in the air probably as the result of structural damage caused by a large number of high-energy objects that penetrated the aircraft from outside," reads a press release to the report.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/malaysian_boeing_broke_up_in_air_due_to_damage_from_outside_report_325976

EU sanctions against Russia come into force, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. New sanctions imposed by the European Union on Russia have come into force, AFP has reported on its Twitter page.

Restrictive measures will affect major Russian oil companies Rosneft, Gazpromneft, Transneft and defense companies Oboronprom, United Aircraft Corporation and Uralvagonzavodand.

In addition, the new "black list" of persons includes Donetsk terrorist leader Alexander Zakharchenko, State Duma deputy from the Liberal Democratic Party Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, Rostec CEO Sergei Chemezov, as well as State Duma Deputy Speakers Vladimir Vasilyev, Ivan Melnikov, Nikolai Levichev and Igor Lebedev.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/eu_sanctions_against_russia_come_into_force_326052

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rosneft_transneft_and_gazpromneft_fall_under_sanctions_326041

Poland resumes reverse gas supplies to Ukraine, 12.09.2014

KYIV, September 12 /Ukrinform/. Polish gas pipeline operator Gaz-System has resumed reverse gas supplies to Ukraine, the company has reported.

"Gas pipeline operator Gaz-System informs that the current situation in the gas transport system helps transport gas through the Hermanowice point in the direction of Ukraine in accordance with customer needs," reads the statement.

According to the report, Poland's gas transport system is "fully balanced," and gas supplies from the eastern direction are being monitored.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/poland_resumes_reverse_gas_supplies_to_ukraine_326066

Rosselkhoznadzor leaves Crimea without beef, 19.09.2014

KYIV, September 19 /Ukrinform/. Rosselkhoznadzor banned import of five large batches of beef to annexed Crimea from mainland Ukraine.

The Rosselkhoznadzor press service informs, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reports. Rosselkhoznadzor says that all meat batches were attempted at being imported without mandatory markings on the meat blocks, which would testify to the product's origin.

"In the back of one of the vehicles, a plastic bag with labels was found. In addition, in the back of a truck, a package with the liver was found without accompanying veterinary documents. In the fifth truck, among 19.7 tonnes of meat blocks that were declared as beef, inspectors found 14.5 tonnes of pork, which accounted for three-quarters of the cargo," a statement reads.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/rosselkhoznadzor_leaves_crimea_without_beef_326192

Japan postpones Putin's visit over Ukraine conflict, 23.09.2014

KYIV, September 23 /Ukrinform/. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has recalled the invitation for Russian President Vladimir Putin to make a state visit to Japan this autumn due to the conflict in Ukraine, Japan's Kyodo news agency has reported.

Washington asked Tokyo to postpone Putin's visit because of tensions between Moscow and the West amid the Ukrainian crisis, BBC Ukrainian reported.

According to the Japanese agency, the Russian president's state visit to Japan will be made and has been postponed until the spring of 2015 or even later. Abe and Putin, however, still hope to hold talks during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's summit in Beijing in November.

http://www.ukrinform.ua/eng/news/japan_postpones_putins_visit_over_ukraine_conflict_326232