

# UKRAINE UNDER ATTACK

NEWSLETTER ON RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF THE CRIMEA



Putin's soft power: spending \$50 billion on the Olympics and alienating the world right the next day?

## RUSSIA HEADING TO WAR

Feb 26 – Russian nationalists in the Crimea demand independence

Feb 27 – Unidentified people occupy the Cabinet of Ministers. The government is toppled. Former mafia boss Aksyonov is installed as the puppet Prime Minister

March 1 – Putin appeals to parliament to allow occupation. On the same day the permission is granted.

OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE BEGINS

## Events of March 13-14

Russian invaders expand their siege of Ukrainian military objects to weapon stockpiles in the town of Inkerman and fuel depots in Simferopol. The office of Ukraine's External Intelligence Service in Alushta stormed overnight.

Separatists announce a "fast track approach" on granting Russian citizenship to all Crimean inhabitants. Independence to be proclaimed only to join in with Russia as soon as possible.

Witnesses report Russian troops accumulating on Belarusian border with Ukraine.

Russia announces test missile shooting in the Black sea area next week. 14 missile systems C-300 and 12 artillery rocket systems deployed on the ground.

40 000 volunteers mobilized to the newly created National Guard of Ukraine. 20 000 more already enrolled and to be mobilized within next two weeks. Ukrainians are ready to defend their freedom.

One person killed, three more wounded by pro-Russia activists in Donetsk. Three pro-Ukrainian activists vanished in the Crimea – after a shooting and a car chase.

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Russian military – saving ethnic minorities from the fascist threat?

- ✓ To avoid seizure by Russian occupiers. Ukrainian Kerch Coast Guard unit (18 vessels, 300 men) relocated to Mariupol.
- ✓ Ukrainian hero, head of the tactical aviation brigade in Belbek Yuliy Mamchur declared that he and his staff would leave their positions only after orders from Kyiv. Mamchur became widely known and admired after the YouTube reel depicting him and his comrades walking tall under the Russian bullets.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0iuOgVLgcY>
- ✓ Pres. Putin reportedly met with Russian oligarchs to discuss whether there is life after sanctions.

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**Mustafa Djemilev: Ukraine is indivisible, and Crimea is part of the united Ukraine.** Mustafa Djemilev, People's Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the former Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars: "Ukraine is indivisible. Crimea is an integral part of the united Ukraine. Any revision of the state borders, detaching a part of a country's territory and attaching it to another one contravenes all international standards."

**Head of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine Joseph Zisels:** "The former government and pro-Russian organizations alike wanted to picture the people trying to win the power as fascists and radical nationalists. This was supposed to arouse hatred, to provoke aggression, and, eventually, to declare the emergency state and cancel Presidential elections altogether," Mr. Zisels said. However, it turned out to be false. **"Today's Government is interested in Cross-National and Cross-Cultural Peace"**.



Zisels: former government tried to picture protesters as fascists".

**SUPPORT UKRAINE! DON'T LET PUTIN GET AWAY WITH IT!**

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**Angela Merkel: The crisis can't be tackled militarily.**



**Jose Manuel Barroso: the decision on referendum unlawful.**

- PM Yatseniuk



## YATSENIUK TO RUSSIA: STOP AND CALM DOWN!

Atlantic Council: **Ukraine's Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk** offered to negotiate an "equal partnership" with Russia if it ends its invasion of Crimea, and praised the Western response to the crisis following his talks today at the White House.

"I would like to reiterate that we still want to have a free, equal partnership... with Russia. And we can't do [that] having a military incursion," Yatsenyuk said at the Atlantic Council. "The best strategy is to sit and to negotiate. ... The best approach for Russia is just to stop, and calm down."

NYT: United Nations — **Ukraine's interim prime minister**, took pains on Thursday to say that his country wanted a peaceful resolution to the crisis. "The Ukrainian government is absolutely open. We want to have talks. We don't want any type of military aggression," – he said. He spoke in flawless English, and then, for dramatic effect, looked up and addressed Moscow's envoy in Russian. "We are looking for an answer to the question, whether the Russians want war," he asked. "And I'm sure, I'm convinced that Russians do not want war."

**FOREIGN MINISTER DESHCHYTSYA: UKRAINIAN CRIMEA IS THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN TODAY'S REALITY AND THE REALITY OF LAWLESSNESS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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*"There are no Russian troops in the Crimea"? Then who are these?*

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