

## **Military Resistance 12E4**



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in with caption. She writes: "We'll take care of you alright."]

## **Eastern Ukrainian Revolutionaries Defy Czar Putin:**

**He Tells Them To Sit Down And  
Shut Up: "Postpone The May 11  
Referendum"**

**His Priority Is Cutting A Deal With  
The Organization For Security And  
Co-Operation In Europe:**

# Ukrainian Separatists Tell Putin To Shove It

May 8, 2014 By James Marson in Donetsk, Ukraine and Gregory L. White in Moscow, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

**Separatists in eastern Ukraine said Thursday they would go ahead with a referendum on secession set for Sunday, defying Russian President Vladimir Putin's call to postpone it and dashing hopes of dialogue with the government in Kiev.**

With the decision by separatists in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions at the heart of the insurgency, the conflict again appeared to be escalating.

**In Donetsk, the 78-member self-appointed council of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic voted unanimously to disregard Mr. Putin's appeal and go ahead with Sunday's vote.**

"Civil war is already happening," said Denis Pushilin, the group's leader. "The referendum is a chance to put an end to it and move it to the political level."

Roman Lyagin, head of the Donetsk People's Republic's so-called electoral commission, said more than three million voting slips had been published and sent to towns across the region.

The vote will take place in schools and other administrative buildings and would meet "European and international standards," he said.

**"It's important to hold the referendum on May 11, because if we'd put it off for even a week, we'd have lost the trust of ordinary people," Mr. Lyagin said.**

**Given limited resources, Mr. Lyagin said the commission was staffed by volunteers.**

**"Almost all the money was spent on toner to print the ballots," he said.**

Organizers of the independence referendum say if the vote passes they aim to create a new state called Novorossiia that would include the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Kiev and Western capitals have called the referendum illegal and illegitimate.

Russia has pulled back its troops from the Ukrainian border, Vladimir Putin told diplomats Wednesday as he urged insurgents in southeastern Ukraine to postpone their planned referendum Sunday on autonomy.

"We believe that the most important thing is to create direct, full-fledged dialogue between the Kiev authorities and representatives of southeast Ukraine," Putin said.

**“Because of this, we ask that representatives of southeast Ukraine, supporters of federalization in the country, postpone the May 11 referendum in order to create the necessary conditions for such a dialogue.”**

Putin also described Ukraine’s May 25 presidential election as a move “in the right direction,” and said his talk with Burkhalter, who is chairman-in-office for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, encouraged him that “our approaches (to Ukraine) coincide.”

**[See the next article for more about imperial wheeling and dealing over who gets which pieces of the wounded body of the Ukraine.**

**[If there are any Eastern Ukrainians who think Putin gives a big dead horse’s dick about their desire for self-determination, they are in for a rude surprise.**

**[The last thing Putin’s dictatorship wants to see turned loose in their neighborhood are oppressed people rising up in rebellion from below to demand regional or national rights. That’s poison for his Imperial prison of nations. T]**

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**“No Matter What Their  
Representatives Mouth To The  
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Ukrainians;  
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Apr 28, 2014 The Spark

Every day another police station or government building is occupied in cities in eastern Ukraine.

There are barricades, armed militia troops, tents set up downtown, and ordinary people to support the movement and confrontations with the special forces.

It seems similar to events three months ago, when now-deposed President Yanukovich's opponents camped out in Maidan square in Kiev.

But today's confrontations are against the government arising from the Maidan movement, and today they denounce Ukrainian nationalism and its submission to the West.

Neither the West's leaders nor their media show any sympathy for this unrest.

The government in Kiev treats the pro-Russian activists as separatists, even as terrorists.

These activists scorn the Kiev government and demand a referendum on autonomy for the regions of the east.

Even the National Guard recruited from the anti-Russian far right can't stamp out this movement.

In fact, the Kiev government saw that it couldn't count on the National Guard to turn its guns on its eastern neighbors.

The eastern Ukraine is the most industrialized part of the country, where a third of its exports come from, accounting for over half its national wealth.

Pushed hard, the temporary Ukrainian president finally said he was no longer against a referendum on the future of the regions.

His maneuver to undercut the eastern pro-Russians and the power of Moscow behind them, probably backfired.

A referendum is likely to show that a majority of people living in these regions mistrust the central power, and even consider it illegitimate.

The presidential election scheduled for May 25th to replace Yanukovich, who was driven out by street protests, seems like it won't go the way Kiev wants. What approval will any future head of state obtain in this election?

The "separatist" demands for a lot of power going to the regions establishes a federalism that will weaken the central state. The authority of those who hope to take over the central state will come out very weakened.

With the forced departure of Yanukovich, Putin's Russia lost what power it still had over the Ukrainian government. But Russia has obtained a type of consolation prize, the more or less resigned acceptance by the Western powers of its takeover of Crimea, favored by the big majority of the people there.

Further, the Ukrainian state apparatus has been destabilized, as events in Maidan square showed. The new pro-Western authorities are weak and are opposed inside their own territory. A good third of the Ukraine, the richest part, could secede.

Finally, Ukraine is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. Putin seems to think he will gain from Ukraine's problems, as he pushes into areas where the imperialist powers have had a lot of influence.

**No matter what their representatives mouth to the media, the U.S., the European Union and Russia negotiate behind the scenes.**

All sides speak about keeping Ukraine together, while Putin talks about defending the Russian-speaking minorities.

**But today, the masses of the Ukraine are caught in the grip of opposing nationalisms, called on to choose a side, neither of which is theirs.**

Meanwhile, the current Ukrainian government is working on another attack against the standard of living of the workers.

It wants to freeze the pay and pensions of public workers while inflation is taking off. It proposes to take an ax to social expenditures, reducing public services, doubling energy bills, and increasing taxes.

The godfathers of the West have forced on Ukraine attacks on public as well as private workers, on retirees, the unemployed and the poor.

It's clear why a part of the population, in particular the Russian-speaking, see Russia as some kind of protection, and even want to be attached to it, all the more so because the standard of living there is clearly higher than in Ukraine.

**But the oligarchs' hated domination of the country has not gone away with the change of government. Russia is also pillaged by its oligarchs and its ruling caste, a pillaging that Putin's authoritarian regime protects.**

The continually worsening situation in Ukraine may cause the working class to react.

But will workers come forward for their own interests, despite the propaganda from the different nationalists?

We certainly hope so. If not, the population risks finding itself torn between its diverse components, against the background of a dramatic aggravation of the economic and social situation.

The great powers don't give gifts.

They have nothing to offer Ukraine and its workers other than enormous sacrifices for the benefit of the Western European and U.S. bankers and capitalists.

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## **A May Miracle:**

**Finally, The Truth Comes  
Bursting Through All The  
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Actually Reports It!**

**“We Are On The Brink Of An  
Uprising Of Poor Against Rich, Of  
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Politicians In Kiev, Everyone Has  
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**“They Insist That Everyone Inside The  
Building Is Local, And Say Nobody Has  
Come From Russia. Their Commander,  
They Say, Is A Local Lathe Operator”**



Men help with the placing of concrete blocks to form a barricade. Photograph: Vasily Maximov/AFP/Getty Images

**Among ordinary people Ukrainians are routinely described as fascists, while Ukrainians insist that there is no civil war, only a Russian-sponsored terrorist movement – ignoring the depth of feeling among large swaths of the population who support the armed opposition.**

8 May 2014 by Shaun Walker in Konstantinovka, The Guardian [Excerpts]

Sergei Chertkov leafs through a stack of documents with a heavy sigh. In the regional administration building in Konstantinovka paper has replaced emails in recent days; the computers have been stored in a safe place so that they cannot be looted if the building is seized by armed rebels.

The mayor fled the town (officially on “sick leave”) after the town hall was seized by the fighters of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic a week ago, while Chertkov and his regional administration are still standing, for now.

But the situation in Konstantinovka is a microcosm of what has happened across south-east Ukraine in recent weeks.

On Thursday the separatists insisted they would go ahead with a referendum on independence planned for Sunday, despite Russian president Vladimir Putin’s surprise call to postpone it.

Konstantinovka, a town of about 75,000 people 40 miles away from the regional centre of Donetsk, has, like most towns in the area, been engulfed by the uprising that swept the region following the February revolution in Kiev, which led to President Viktor Yanukovich fleeing Ukraine and the formation of an interim government that Moscow has labelled as “neo-fascist”.

The town hall was seized 10 days ago and is now surrounded by several barricades and occupied by a motley assortment of Kalashnikov-wielding rebels.

**The police have melted away; some of them have even joined the opposition.**

Roadblocks have been set up around the town, a siege mentality has taken hold, and dissident voices have either been violently silenced or melted away in fear.

“A month ago, nobody could ever have imagined this would happen,” says Chertkov, shaking his head in disbelief.

There are real issues that worry the local population.

The interim government blundered when it repealed a Yanukovych-era language law that gave Russian special status in certain regions, and even though the move was soon rescinded the damage had been done.

**But the economic situation has also provided fertile ground for fear and discontent.**

Unlike many of the coal-mining towns elsewhere in the Donbas region, Konstantinovka has always been known for its glass production.

At their peak, during the Soviet period, the town’s three glass factories employed more than 15,000 people between them.

They produced the red stars that stand atop the Kremlin towers in Moscow, and the glass for Vladimir Lenin’s sarcophagus, housed in his Red Square mausoleum. In the late 1980s the factories produced over 150m glass bottles a year, to package sweet Crimean imitation champagne and send them far and wide to celebrate birthdays and weddings across the Soviet Union.

But the party is long over.

**Now, the factories lie in ruins around the outskirts of town.**

**Just a few workshops are still operational, employing a mere 600 people.**

Even the centre of town is decaying. The asphalt on the roads is cracked, and huge weeds sprout across the pavements. The stone models of a bright yellow camel and of Snow White and the seven dwarfs in the central park look somewhat sinister, surrounded by knee-high grass that has not been cut for months.

Remove the people and it might be Pripjat, the Ukrainian city that was evacuated in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster and is now a ghost town.

**Unemployment is high, and on a weekday morning many people are drinking.**

A lot of the town’s menfolk have gone to Russia to make money. “For 23 years we have been living on what we got from the Soviet Union,” says Chertkov, who like most politicians in the region is a member of Yanukovych’s Party of Regions. “Nothing new has been built, nothing has been modernised. Many people are upset and angry with their fate.”



On Thursday, outside the local administration building, some of the fighters are dressed in camouflage while others wear hoodies and balaclavas. All carry guns – a mixture of pistols and Kalashnikovs.

“You are a lying fascist supporter,” one of the men tells a reporter, delivering a recurrent message in an unusually polite way. “We only give information to Russia Today and perhaps the Chinese. We know who you are and who you work for.”

Eventually a group of fighters agree to speak, though they do not give their names.

### **“They Insist That Everyone Inside The Building Is Local, And Say Nobody Has Come From Russia”**

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**Their commander, they say, is a local lathe operator, who in turn takes his orders from the headquarters of the Donetsk People’s Republic.**

**They refuse to say where they got their weapons, but sources in the town said they were seized from, or donated by, the local police force.**

“The referendum will go ahead whatever, and we can never again live with Ukraine,” says one. “We lost too many friends in the fighting in Slavyansk for us to go back to where we were before.”

The barricades around the occupied town hall are adorned with signs decrying the lying western media and politicians.

Conversations between fighters outside the headquarters in Konstantinovka also suggest a situation of vigilante justice in the region, as the police have effectively ceased to function. “Brought a junkie in last night, and put him down on his knees. He shouldn’t give you any trouble now,” one Kalashnikov-toting fighter said to another with a smile.

There has been little fighting in the town, although there was a gun battle when the Ukrainian army retook the local television tower, and many of the fighters spend their days at roadblocks, of which there are dozens in the town and on surrounding roads, fashioned out of stacked walls of tyres, sandbags, tree trunks and barbed wire.

Just who happens to be manning a road block at any given time is a matter of pure luck, and for drivers akin to playing Russian roulette. A checkpoint that one day is guarded by ex-soldiers who may carry automatic weapons but handle themselves politely and professionally can the next day be manned by wild-eyed youths in tracksuits, wielding baseball bats.

After nightfall, the checkpoints become dangerous as their guardians are gripped by intoxication and anxiety.

.Passing through Konstantinovka one evening earlier this week, US journalist Simon Shuster was stopped at a roadblock, and when one of the men on duty spotted a flak jacket in the boot, Shuster was pulled out of the car without a word, cracked on the skull with the butt of a pistol and kicked, before being driven off to a detention facility in another city covered in blood.

**After those with authority among the separatists realised a journalist had been injured, Shuster was freed.**

**Reassuringly, the man who had inflicted the damage was even tracked down and detained; less reassuringly, Shuster was invited to witness or participate in some kind of retribution against the rogue element. He declined to attend.**

Since the unrest started there has been an uneasy atmosphere of threats and violence. A fortnight ago – even before the town hall was seized – the offices of the local newspaper Provintsia were attacked at night with molotov cocktails. The next week the journalists still managed to put the paper out, but the entire print run was seized by armed separatists. Their crime was to print articles sceptical about the Donetsk People's Republic; the newspaper was denounced as pro-fascist.

Two members of Svoboda, which is indeed a far-right Ukrainian movement, were kidnapped from their homes in Konstaninovka more than a week ago by armed men who smashed down the doors to their homes, beat them, threw them into the boots of cars and drove off. Nothing has been heard from them since, though it is believed that they are being kept in the seized security services building in Slavyansk.

Nevertheless, events in Odessa, Ukrainian military operations and the designation of the separatists as “terrorists” have all brought more and more people over to the side of those fighting.

On Thursday a steady stream of locals brought donations of food to the occupied town hall; an elderly lady gave what she said was her last 10 hrivnya (50p) to the cause.

### **“Large Swaths Of The Population Who Support The Armed Opposition”**

The rhetoric on both sides has become disturbingly uncompromising, with the dehumanisation and humiliation of the enemy that usually precedes civil wars. Both Russian and Ukrainian media report outrageous rumours about the other side as fact.

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And while the pro-Russians have taken hostages in the most disturbing fashion, the behaviour of pro-Ukraine forces is exacerbating the situation.

On Tuesday, pro-Ukrainian forces detained Igor Kakidzyanov, the self-proclaimed “defence minister” of the Donetsk People's Republic. A day later, radical Ukrainian politician Oleg Liashko posted photographs on his blog of him personally interrogating

Kakidzyanov, who had been stripped to his underwear and had his hands tied behind his back.

Human Rights Watch castigated official Kiev for making no comment on what it called an “outrageous situation”.

In the village of Ilyicha, a former collective farm named after Vladimir Lenin just outside Konstantinovka, the local head, Irina Bondar, was organising an early celebratory lunch for local war veterans.

One 93-year-old veteran, and more than a dozen “war children”, sat at a long table laid with cold cuts and bottles of vodka, and were serenaded with wartime songs by local children dressed up in their smartest clothes.

On her way to her lunch, Bondar had encountered a tricky situation with the separatists – early on Thursday morning they decided to build yet another roadblock on the road that runs through her village. Bondar, a jovial matriarch who invariably embraces her interlocutors, hurried to the spot and told them she would have no such thing in the middle of her village.

**“We are working people here, everyone works hard, you can’t make it harder for them to get to work,” she scolded them, and the rebels agreed immediately, moving their checkpoint and their weaponry elsewhere.**

**Nevertheless, Bondar, like most others in the village, sympathises with the resistance movement. “They are good lads; they are our lads. They are normal people who want to defend us.”**

### **“Despite Putin’s Comments, She Says The Referendum Will Take Place In The Village On Sunday”**

**Despite Putin’s comments, she says the referendum will take place in the village on Sunday. There will be no polling station, due to the threat of “provocations from Kiev”, she says. Instead, urns will be carried from house to house. “I am for a united Ukraine, but what has been happening there recently is out of control. I think we would be better off with Russia.”**

After the singing and the vodka toasts a local nurse, who is the village representative of the opposition, tells the assembled veterans that the region again faces the threat of fascists, and again will win.

Everyone stands, and sings rousing victory songs.

Some of the elderly are overjoyed at being the centre of attention, others seem overwhelmed.

Nadezhda Makarova was five years old when Russia began fighting Nazi Germany in 1941. Now almost blind, hardly able to walk, and with shaking hands, the 78-year-old sits through the performances with tears rolling down her cheeks.

“Will there be another war?” she asks repeatedly, every few minutes. “I am scared. On television it’s war, war, war. Everyone is talking about war, and I am scared there will be another one. Let God stop it, please, nothing is worse than war.”

With Putin’s surprise call to postpone their referendum there was relief in the west that Ukraine might return from the brink. But many in the east feel there is now no way back, and it is possible that the anger stirred up here will be very hard to dampen again.

“We are on the brink of an uprising of poor against rich, of chaos, of a terrifying rebellion,” says Chertkov, the regional administration head.

“America, Russia, Europe, the politicians in Kiev, everyone has tried to play their games here, and they have played so hard that now we are on the brink of catastrophe.”

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## **Comment: T About The Ukrainian Crisis [In Case You Missed It The First Time]**

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**The Ukrainian government in Kyiv is run by a corrupt pack of super rich capitalists, called oligarchs, who intend to oppress and exploit every piece of the land inside the borders of the Ukraine they can get their hands on, and don’t give a shit about freedom, democracy, or anything else besides heaping up their money.**

**That said, regardless of the regime in power over them, the Ukrainians have the right to refuse to become part of either the Russian or the U.S. Empires, and to resist either by force of arms.**

**If Ukrainians could manage to wipe out their own ruling class government of oligarchs, centered in Kyiv, and install a working class government, it will be much easier to defend themselves against hungry Empires.**

**This would also bring the support of unhappy Eastern Ukrainians. The Eastern Ukrainians are rebelling against a corrupt government of Ukrainian oligarchs who have oppressed and exploited them ever since the Ukraine became a nation, lately**

appointing billionaire governors to rule over them and suck their blood, treating them like an internal colony.

The rebels are not infiltrating agents of Putin, as the Obama regime would have you believe. A New York Times reporter found that out first hand and reports it truthfully, unlike Obama's stupid lies.

See the report at: [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/04/world/europe/behind-the-masks-in-ukraine-many-faces-of-rebellion.html?hp&\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/04/world/europe/behind-the-masks-in-ukraine-many-faces-of-rebellion.html?hp&_r=2)

A large majority of Eastern Ukrainians do not wish to become part of Imperial Russia, as poll after poll of their views has repeatedly shown.

The Eastern Ukrainians have as much right to revolution against a government of capitalist oligarch tyrants as the Ukrainians had to rise up against the government of the tyrant Yanukovych and his oligarchs that their uncompleted revolution overthrew in February.

The Eastern Ukrainians are right to rise up against the new government of oligarchs in Kyiv and the billionaire oligarchs that government has appointed to rule over them without their consent.

If they wish to, the Eastern Ukrainians have as much right to self-determination as any other group of oppressed, exploited people ruled by appointed oligarchs who set governors over them from far away, and grow fat on their exploitation.

In the best of all possible worlds, Ukrainian government soldiers and the armed rebels of Eastern Ukraine would stop fighting each other and join together to wipe out all the Ukrainian oligarchs, and set an example for what Russians can do with Putin's government of, by, and for the super rich in Russia.

Excerpt from the New York Times report indicating the situation in Eastern Ukraine is far more complex than ass-kissing propagandists who defend the U.S. or Russian Imperial governments wish you to believe.

*"At the 12th Company's main base, the home of Tanya and her husband, Lev, residents visited to donate food: homemade pastries, slabs of salted pork fat, a vat of borscht, bags of fresh green onions, jars of pickled vegetables and fruits.*

*"To the guys in Kiev, we are separatists and terrorists,' Yuri said. 'But to the people here, we are defenders and protectors'"*

[Excerpt from the New York Times report at:  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/04/world/europe/behind-the-masks-in-ukraine-many-faces-of-rebellion.html?hp&\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/04/world/europe/behind-the-masks-in-ukraine-many-faces-of-rebellion.html?hp&_r=2)]

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# AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

## Afghan Taliban To Launch Summer Offensive From 12th May



May 08 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan said Thursday that the group's annual summer offensive will be launched in Afghanistan by next week.

According to a statement released by Taliban group, the annual summer offensive has been named as "Khaibar" and various modern military techniques including back-breaking attacks, insider attacks and head-on offensive operations shall be utilized to carry out the operations.

"The upcoming 'Khaibar' operation shall begin with the cries of Allah u Akbar throughout the country at 5am local time on Monday 13th of Rajjab ul Murrajab of the year 1435 (Hijri Lunar) corresponding with 22nd Thuwar of 1393 (Hijri Solar) and 12th May of 2014," Taliban said in its statement.

**Taliban said foreign invaders and their backers under various names like spies, military and civilian contractors and everyone working for them like translators, administrators and logistics personnel will be targeted in their operations.**

**The group said all high ranking government officials, cabinet ministers, members of parliament, security officials, occupation backing officers in the Interior and Foreign Ministries, attorneys and judges that prosecute Mujahideen as well as agents in the National Directorate that pursue and torture Mujahideen will also be targeted."**

**Taliban said the military gatherings of foreign invading forces, their diplomatic centers and convoys as well as the military bases of their internal mercenary stooges, their convoys and the facilities of foreign, interior, intelligence and Arbaki militia will be their main target.**

“The plans for upcoming spring operations entitled ‘Khaibar’ have been drawn up by the specialists and courageous military commanders of the Islamic Emirate while also paying heed to the environmental and seasonal conditions of each region of the country and so will be launched in each area according to the laid out plans,” Taliban said.

Taliban also called on Afghan people to aid the group’s fighters and “avoid working with the enemy, to keep away from their military and intelligence gatherings and bases.”

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## **Resistance Action: “Over 100 Taliban Militants Attacked A Police Outpost” “Militants Captured A Tank”**

May 09 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

According to local authorities in western Farah province of Afghanistan, at least eleven policemen were injured after a group of over 100 Taliban militants attacked a police outpost in this province.

The officials further added that the incident took place early Friday morning in Bala Bolok district.

A local security official said more than 100 Taliban militants staged a large-scale attack on a remote checkpoint around 5:00 am local time.

The source further added that eleven policemen were injured following the attack and

**Taliban militants captured a tank and a pickup truck after forcing the security to abandon the checkpoint.**

He said at least six Taliban militants were also killed during the clashes and eighteen others were injured.

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05/06/2014 AP

A roadside bombing on Tuesday killed three policemen and wounded two in the country’s western Herat province, a security officials said.

District police chief Shir Agha Alokozay said the attack took place in the province’s Obe district on Tuesday morning, when the police vehicle the officers were riding in hit the roadside bomb.

Alokozay said the bomb was set off by a remote control device and that the police have caught a suspect with the remote control.

Another roadside bomb killed four policemen and wounded four others in the same province the previous night, according to Border Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Juma Adeel said. He added that the four were in critical condition after the bombing in Ghoryan district.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**



Frederick Douglass, 1852

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004

## Police To Question USS Vincennes Over Malaysian Airliner Disappearance



Photo Credit: U.S. Navy

March 16, 2014 By G-Had, The Duffle Blog [Late report]

KUALA LUMPUR — As the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 enters its second week, the Royal Malaysian Police have identified another person — or in this case, ship — of interest in the case of the missing plane, and have asked the public for help in locating the USS Vincennes (CG-49).

“Based on its track record of being near other passenger airliners that have suddenly vanished without a trace, we think it is only prudent that we sit down with the USS Vincennes and establish its nautical whereabouts on the night in question,” explained Inspector General Khalid Abu Bakar at a press conference.

Bakar took care to stress that the Vincennes was not considered a suspect in the airline’s disappearance, but added that it should be considered “armed and extremely dangerous.” He advised members of the public not to approach the warship “in anything less than carrier battle group strength.”

Speaking via a conference call from Bremerton, Wash., longtime acquaintance USS Sides (FFG-14) admitted it hadn’t actually heard from the Vincennes in four years, but insisted “this has its fingerprints all over it: the plane’s sudden disappearance from radar, the suspicious Iranian passengers, the giggling over the radio, you name it.”

The Vincennes’ last known location was in a crate of razor blades near the cash register at a Costco in Philadelphia.

## And Now For Something Completely Different:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQnkhv-M5gc>

## CLASS WAR REPORTS



# **Protest Marchers Pile Pressure On Bosnia's Government: "Other People From Other Towns Said They Would Join Them, Increasing Number Of Protesters To Around A Thousand So Far" "Banners Calling For Social Justice And Freedom" "Large Banner Said That The 'March Of Freedom' Was A Path Of No Return"**

09 May 14 by Elvira M. Jukic, BIRN

Sarajevo

Around 200 protesters gathered in front of the Federation Parliament in Sarajevo, demanding that the authorities fulfill demands submitted a month ago by all the plenums organized in towns in the entity.

Among other things they demanded the resignation of the entity government and to be received in the parliament to address someone. The Federation Parliament was not in session today, however, and one is not planned until the end of May. Some protesters said they would sleep in front of the building until their demands were met.

Many held up banners calling for social justice and freedom. A large banner said that the "March of Freedom" was a path of no return.

Others shouted that they wanted jobs for everyone and factories to work.

Media reports said other people from other towns said they would join them on the way, increasing the number of protesters to around a thousand so far.

**"We will demand an open session of the Federation Parliament in which representatives of municipalities where plenums were organized will participate," one protester said ahead of the protests.**

**"We are demanding that the Federation Government fulfill the ten demands we sent them. We will not leave Sarajevo until they do that."**

**Many were reported to be heading to Sarajevo from Mostar by train where they will join the protests.**

Participants of plenums from several dozen towns from the Federation gathered a month ago in front of the entity government in Sarajevo and read out their demands, starting with the resignation of the entity government.

They also demanded that all current privatization processes be stopped and that all privatizations conducted so far be subjected to review.

Other demands were that all charges made against participants in street protests should be dropped and that officials should be stripped of various perks, including receiving salaries for a year after their terms in office end.

The authorities were also told to change the law on taxes, so that citizens pay taxes in accordance with their wealth, and that taxes on basic groceries be abolished.

Protests in Bosnia started in the northern town of Tuzla on February 5, when several hundred redundant workers from several large companies from the region, which had been privatized and shut down, took to the streets.

Protests then spread and turned violent, resulting in buildings being burned in Tuzla, Zenica, Mostar and Sarajevo, including the Bosnian Presidency building, where the state archives are stored.

Four prime ministers of cantons in Bosnia's Federation entity subsequently resigned.

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## **Bosnian Plenums Offer 'New Model Of Democracy'**

**"I Heard The Voice Of Bosnia And Herzegovina For The First Time In A Quarter Of A Century"**

**"There Is Inevitably A 'Lull' At This Point, But The Movement Will Regain Momentum Soon"**

08 May 14 by Elvira M. Jukic, BIRN [Excerpts]

Professor and a human rights activist Nigel Osborne says that in the February protests the people of Bosnia spoke up for the first time in more than two decades - and the newly formed plenums were a possible role model for many other societies in the region.

“There is a chance for something new, imaginative, pragmatic and effective – very possibly of a benign left-wing character – that can offer a practical and refreshing model to neighbours and others beyond,” he said.

“There is a clear and practical pathway to reform. It is ‘bottom-up’ transformation through the plenum movement.”

The Edinburgh professor, who has dedicated years of work to Bosnia, is one of the coordinators of the International Support Group for Social Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Amid the turbulence of the events in Bosnia in February, the group was a response to the formation of the plenums and an attempt to offer support to the citizens’ assemblies and to social justice in general.

Osborne told Balkan Insight that Bosnia and Herzegovina was a place where something new had already begun to happen in that sense.

Speaking about the plenums held in several towns in Bosnia, Osborne said he was impressed by quality of debate, the rigour of the democratic process, the openness and the inclusiveness.

“I appreciate and value the ‘raw’ nature of personal expression in the plenums. I see it as a return to a genuine social honesty and authenticity on which real social justice and progress can be based,” he said.

“I heard the voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the first time in a quarter of a century,” he added. “There is inevitably a ‘lull’ at this point, but the movement will regain momentum soon. It is in the interest of everyone that the plenum movement succeeds.”

The protests started in the northern town of Tuzla on February 5, when several hundred redundant workers from large companies that had been privatized and shut down, took to the streets.

It also aims to organize a high-level group of international lawyers to defend protesters and plenums, ensure the police are not manipulated politically as well as ensure that the media respect truthfulness and openness and reject censorship.

The International Support Group for Social Justice and the Open University in Sarajevo this Friday plan to hold a discussion on the perspectives of the plenums and on the ways they should continue to work.

Apart from Osborne, the Support Group includes Edinburgh scholar Igor Stiks, the writer and a professor from Ljubljana Ales Debeljak, the US-Bosnian writer Aleksandar Hemon, the Croatian writer Srećko Horvat, historian Srdja Pavlovic, Edinburgh professor Jo Shaw, economists Eric Toussaint and Yanis Varoufakis and London philosopher Costas Douzinas.

The upcoming discussion in Sarajevo plans to sum up what has been achieved and discuss what direction the plenums should take in the future.

**“I have been a witness to and participant in a number of significant social changes, including the Solidarity movement in Poland, the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia and the peace process in Northern Ireland,” Osborne recalled.**

**“I have to say that the plenum movement is to me one of the healthiest and most promising.”**

**“So far, it has achieved a definition of and a clear structure and identity for itself as well as a number of valuable political and policy changes at both cantonal and municipality levels – this is not a bad achievement for 12 weeks,” he continued.**

“The lessons learnt are, I suspect, in the value of a healthy organism, relativity and common sense,” he added.

“The most important lesson of all has yet to be learnt by the population at large. If they want to live in the Bosnia the plenums represent, they have to overcome apathy and unnecessary fear and come out to support them.”

However, Osborne said the plenums had to balance being entirely open with avoiding manipulation or infiltration, and they have to balance making a clean sweep and a political tabula rasa with the need to use carefully chosen individuals with political skills and experience.

“Most significantly, they have had to combine revolutionary energy and righteous anger with measured, well-thought-out action,” he said.

**“The plenums are not an organ of democracy, they are an instrument for democracy... an invaluable source of conscience, ethics, dynamism and good citizenship, and the only available instrument for change.**

“My personal view is that change will take place through a combination of the slow hard work of small groups and individuals and rapid change through peaceful mass action,” he observed.

**“I see many parallels with the development of Citizens’ Forum in Czechoslovakia in 1989, but I do not expect Bosnians to throw down the crown, like King Lear, and capitulate to international pressure and the IMF as Havel and his circle did.**

“I expect Bosnia to hold its head high and draw on its enormous human capital to make big strides forward socially, culturally and economically,” he concluded.

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**DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK**

# **Syria Minister Sees ‘Prosperous Tourist Season’ In Homs:**

**“Various Activities Are Planned... During The Summer”**

**“Three Years Of Raging Conflict Has Flattened Much Of The Provincial Capital”**

**“The Historic Old City Of Homs, Formerly A Tourist Attraction, Has Been Reduced To Little More Than Rubble”**



This file photo released on Thursday Nov. 29, 2012 by the anti-government activist group Homs City Union of The Syrian Revolution, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows Syrian citizens walking in a destroyed street that was attacked by Syrian forces warplanes, at Abu al-Hol street in Homs province, Syria. (AP Photo/Homs City Union of The Syrian Revolution, File)

May 05, 2014 The Daily Star

BEIRUT: Syria's tourism minister has forecast a "prosperous tourist season" for the central province of Homs, despite three years of raging conflict that has flattened much of the provincial capital.

In remarks carried by the state news agency SANA, Bisher Yazigi pledged help for the area, predicting a prosperous tourism season because "various activities are planned... during the summer".

There was no word on what these activities might be.

The upbeat projection, published Saturday, comes as some 2,000 fighters and civilians holed up in besieged rebel-held parts of Homs city prepare to withdraw under a deal with the authorities.

After the withdrawal, the former rebel stronghold will be turned over to the government.

But both the city of Homs and many of its most famed destinations -- including the Krak des Chevaliers Crusader castle -- have suffered enormous damage during fighting.

The historic Old City of Homs, formerly a tourist attraction, has been reduced to little more than rubble, with homes, shops and religious sites pulverised in near-daily bombardment and fighting.

And the prospects of a flood of tourists into any part of the country, where a civil war has killed more than 150,000 people, would appear to be slim.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

# **Heroic Zionist Forces Attack Palestinian Woman, Daughter In Silwan:**



# Occupiers Broke Into The Home Of Umm Kalawoon Al-Tawil; “Beat Her And Her 15-Year-Old Daughter Layla”



Umm Qalawoon al-Tawil lying unconscious outside her home after Israeli officers attacked her.

05/03/2014 Ma'an

JERUSALEM -- Israeli forces attacked a Palestinian woman and her teenage daughter in the Wadi Hilweh quarter south of the Old City of Jerusalem on Thursday, Palestinians in Silwan neighborhood said.

Director of the Silwan-based Wadi Hilweh Information Center Jawad Siyam told Ma'an that Israeli officers broke into the home of Umm Kalawoon al-Tawil and "brutally" beat her and her 15-year-old daughter Layla.

Siyam highlighted that Israeli officers continued to beat al-Tawil while they dragged her out of her apartment to a playground in the neighborhood until she passed out.

Fistfights broke out between local residents and Israeli officers while an ambulance evacuated al-Tawil to al-Maqasid hospital in Jerusalem for treatment.

An Israeli police spokesman said he was unaware of any detentions in the area.

Israeli bulldozers demolish homes in Hebron-area Palestinian refugee camp, As Usual

05/01/2014

HEBRON -- Israeli bulldozers early Wednesday demolished two houses in a refugee camp in the southern West Bank, a local popular committee spokesman said.

Ahmad Abu al-Khayzaran told Ma'an that bulldozers under Israeli army protection entered al-Arrub refugee camp near Hebron and demolished two houses belonging to Hilmi Abu Ghazi and Hasan Abu Ghazi.

Clashes broke out between Israeli troops and local youths at the scene, who threw stones as soldiers fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated steel bullets.

Several residents of al-Arrub suffered from excessive tear gas inhalation, Abu al-Khayzaran said.

Locals told Ma'an that three Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated steel bullets.

An Israeli army spokesman told Ma'an that there was Israeli "Civil Administration activity" in the area. Soldiers were stationed at the scene, he said.

The spokesman said that 200 Palestinians gathered in the area, and that about 50 of them hurled stones at soldiers and Civil Administration officials.

Soldiers "fired a rubber pellet at a main instigator," who was hit and taken to a hospital by the Red Crescent.

A spokesperson for Israel's Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories confirmed the demolitions.

"Today Security Forces carried out the demolition of 2 construction sites that were built illegally in Al-Arrub," a COGAT spokesperson told Ma'an via email.

"The sites were demolished after the residents' requests for construction permits were refused due to non-compliance with the required regulations of the buildings."

"The Civil Administration will continue to enforce the law in Judea and Samaria [this is the name the neo-Nazis apply to west Palestinian land] towards all of its population while applying utmost sensitivity towards the residents," the spokesperson said, using the Israeli term for the West Bank.

Asked about COGAT's policy regarding home demolitions in refugee camps, spokeswoman Sapir Mizrahi told Ma'an: "We don't have a separate policy for refugee camps."

"The Civil administration works to preserve law and order and to enforce illegal construction in C Areas," Mizrahi said, referring to the more than 60 percent of the West Bank that is under full Israeli military control.

Israeli forces demolished three houses in al-Arrub in April 2013. Locals told Ma'an at the time that they feared Israeli bulldozers would return to destroy more homes.

**Al-Arrub is one of 19 refugee camps in the occupied West Bank, within which live about a quarter of the 771,000 registered refugees in the territory.**

More than 760,000 Palestinians -- estimated today to number 4.8 million with their descendants -- were pushed into exile or driven out of their homes in the conflict surrounding Israel's creation in 1948.

Israel rarely grants Palestinians permits to build in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

**It has demolished at least 27,000 Palestinian homes and structures since occupying the West Bank in 1967, according to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions.**

Israel demolished over 500 Palestinian structures throughout the US-brokered peace negotiations, the PLO said in a statement Tuesday.

**Citing figures from the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the PLO said Israel demolished a total of 508 Palestinian structures, 312 of which were homes, from July 30, 2013 to April 29, 2014.**

**"As a result, 878 persons were forcibly displaced," the statement said.**

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## **Occupation Regime Aims To Deport French Photographer With Arab-Sounding Name: "Told That She Was Being Deported Because She Fits The Profile Of A Terrorist" "M. Is Not An Activist Of Any Sort And The Purpose Of Her Visit Was Solely To Finish Her Photography Work"**

April 30, 2014 By Michael Omer-Man, +972 Magazine

Following Washington's admission that Israel is being kept out of its visa-waiver program due to discrimination against Arab-Americans, a French citizen is detained for three days under similar circumstances. French Embassy:

'We're regularly in touch with the Israeli authorities about these issues.'

A French citizen has been held by Israeli authorities at Ben-Gurion Airport for three days after being denied entry to the country.

“M.,” a 26-year-old photographer who hoped to finish a photo project on Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, had been granted entry to Israel for three previous work visits.

M., whose family requested that her name not be published until she is back in France, was told that she was being deported because she fits the profile of a terrorist, according to Radio France journalist Emilie Baujard, who has been in contact with the woman during her detention.

M. has a Moroccan-sounding name, although she holds only French citizenship.

Her father was notified that she will be deported back to France on Thursday, four days after being initially detained. An earlier flight was reportedly full.

A spokesperson from the French Embassy in Tel Aviv said that consular officials had been in touch with M., but that she had declined a consular visit.

She added that Israeli authorities told the embassy that she was being denied entry on security grounds.

Such explanations are common and are rarely detailed.

**Israel’s policy of regularly denying entry to citizens of friendly countries who happen to have Arab-sounding names has been the focus of great media attention in recent months.**

The United States has cited the discriminatory policy as one of its central reasons for denying Israel entry into its coveted visa-waiver program.

Earlier in April, Haaretz reported that Israel pledged to Washington that if it were admitted to the visa-waiver program, it would stop discriminating against Arab-Americans.

Such a shift would raise serious questions about the policy’s utility and necessity on security grounds, as it is often defended.

Asked whether the French government, too, has raised the issue of discriminatory border policies with Israel, the French embassy spokesperson said, “I don’t think we’ve talked bilaterally.”

“We’re regularly in touch with the Israeli authorities about these issues,” she added, noting that French citizens are fairly regularly denied entry to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

In cases when French authorities know in advance about a delegation or person who may experience problems at the Israeli border, they have established procedures with the Israeli authorities, including sending them personal details ahead of time and doing a

“pre-check,” the spokesperson said. M. did not notify the French government ahead of her visit.

Since being detained, the French woman’s Facebook account has been deleted, Baujard said, adding that her mobile electronic devices were searched by Israeli authorities.

**Israeli immigration and security authorities have in the past demanded that tourists hand over the passwords to their email accounts.**

M. is not an activist of any sort and the purpose of her visit was solely to finish her photography work, according to Baujard.

Recently, a number of European and American NGO workers have been denied entry to Israel or had their visas revoked on questionable and discriminatory grounds.

**Late last year, humanitarian NGO worker Kamil Qandil, a Polish citizen of Palestinian descent, had his visa revoked and was deported.**

**In a Supreme Court appeal, the state submitted secret evidence that his lawyers were not permitted to see, and therefore had no opportunity refute.**

American citizen of Palestinian descent Nour Joudah, who taught English at a USAID-funded school in Ramallah had her visa revoked and was deported when she tried to return from a trip abroad.

In 2012, +972’s Dimi Reider reported that Israeli immigration authorities demanded that a Swedish tourist sign an sloppily composed “political contract,” in which she was asked to commit to not coming into contact with “members of any pro-Palestinian organization” or participate in “pro-Palestinian activities.”

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