

Calm before the Storm? Kiev Regime Deploys Additional Forces to Donbass...

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While the situation at the contact line between Ukraine and the Lugansk People's Republic is quiet, militia units of the Donetsk People's Republic report about sporadic clashes and shellings. According to the DPR side, the Ukrainian Armed Forces violated the ceasefire more than 300 times during last 7 days.

The most intense shellings from heavy weapons prohibited by the Minsk Agreements were observed at Gorlovka, Zaitsevo, Shirokaya Balka, Golmovskoi, Nikitovka, Verkhnetoretskoye, Vesyoloye, Zhabichevo, Yasinovataya, Spartak, Sakhanka, Kominternovo, Donetsk and the Donetsk airport.

Meanwhile, Kiev deployed additional forces to the area:

- 2 motorised artillery installations and 2 battle tanks tanks arrived in Prokhorovka
- up to 300 personnel arrived in Donskoye
- 100mm antitank cannons 'Rapira' were deployed in Novosyolovka
- 3 armored personnel carriers, 2 IFVs and 50 personnel arrived in Nikolayevka-Vtoraya
- 4 IFVs and 70 personnel were observed at Semigoriye
- 17 armored personnel carriers, 8 IFVs and 120 personnel were deployed to Pervoye Maya

The Donbass militia also report about the infighting between Ukrainian nationalist battalions and military units. On April 18, fighters of the 81st airmobile brigade shelled the 'Ural' vehicle with nationalist battalion fighters in the area of Yasinovataya. As result, 9 fighters were killed and 22 wounded. The shooting was caused by the appearance of a vehicle from the direction of the contact line overnight.

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