

# Canada's Harper Government Provides Military Training to Neo-Nazi Ukraine National Guard

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*The Canadian media has highlighted Prime Minister Harper's one on one meeting with Ukraine's president Poroshenko in Kiev (June 5, 2015). The official story which has been fed to Canadians is that Ottawa is providing "non-lethal aid" as well support to the country's civilian police force:*

"We supply a range of non-lethal military equipment," Harper said... While disappointed about this, Poroshenko praised Canada for supporting Ukraine since "the first hours" of his presidency and said the military aid it had provided to his country, such as **medical kits and mobile hospitals, "addressed an acute problem.** (National Post, June 6, 2015, emphasis added)

Harper also announced that **Canada would be sending 10 police officers to Ukraine to help reform the country's security sector** in a partnership with the United States.

Harper announced the \$5 million project during a visit in which he watched training exercises by police cadets. ... ([CP News 24](#), June 6, 2015, emphasis added)

This story contradicts earlier reports and government statements.

The gist of Harper's flash visit to Kiev prior to the G7 Summit was to reaffirm Canada's commitment to the dispatch of "military instructors" in support of Ukraine's National Guard, which is controlled by the two Neo-Nazi parties, Svoboda and Right Sector.

In April, Washington confirmed that it would send in a US contingent of instructors "of 290 specialists which will be working with the National Guard. Britain has dispatched 75 military personnel responsible for training "in command procedures and tactical intelligence". (Los Angeles Times, April 20, 2015).

Ironically, the Harper government quite candidly acknowledged that there were Neo-Nazi elements within the National Guard, and that provisions were being envisaged to prevent Canadian military instructors from training Neo-Nazis:

**The Canadian government is confident that troops from Petawawa won't end up instructing Neo Nazis and far right extremists** when they begin their training mission in Ukraine this summer, but a former diplomat is

warning it will be difficult to weed out such extremists as their militia units are now being integrated into Ukraine's regular forces.

Some members of Ukraine's most effective fighting units [Azov batallion] have openly acknowledged they are Nazi sympathizers or have expressed anti-Semitic or extreme right wing views. (Ottawa Citizen, April 18, 2015, emphasis added)

The solution proposed by Canada's Defence Minister Kenney is contradictory to say the least: Ottawa will support the National Guard as a means to avoiding the training of Neo-Nazis. Canada's military instructors will be dispatched and allocated to the National Guard:

"We're not going to be in the business of training ad hoc militias... **We will only be training units of the Ukrainian National Guard** and army recognized by the government of Ukraine." (Ibid, emphasis added)

### **What is Ukraine's National Guard**

The National Guard which is now supported by Canada has been responsible for countless atrocities in the Donbass region.

The wear Nazi insignia on their uniforms.

Below is the Nazi emblem of the **National Guard** [Національна гвардія України] which is defined as Reserves of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. They operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The National Guard is part of the so-called "Internal Troops of Ukraine." The emblem is a stylized swastika (see below).

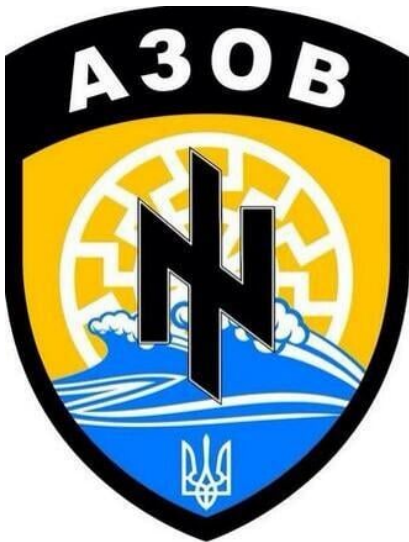


The main battalion of the National Guard under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs involved in the Donbass region is **The Azov Battalion** (Батальйон Азов).

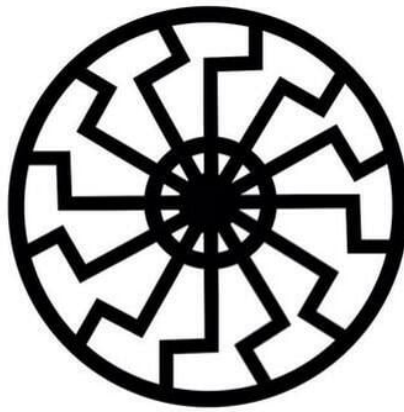
This battalion is supported by the Western military alliance including Canada.

**The Azov Battalion** -which displays the Nazi SS emblem- (below left) is described by the Kiev regime as “a volunteer battalion of territorial defense”.

It’s a National Guard battalion under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Officially based in Berdyank on the Sea of Azov, it was formed by the regime to fight the opposition insurgency in Eastern and Southern Ukraine. It is supported by the US and NATO.



**Emblem of the Azov Battalion formed by Kiev's junta.**



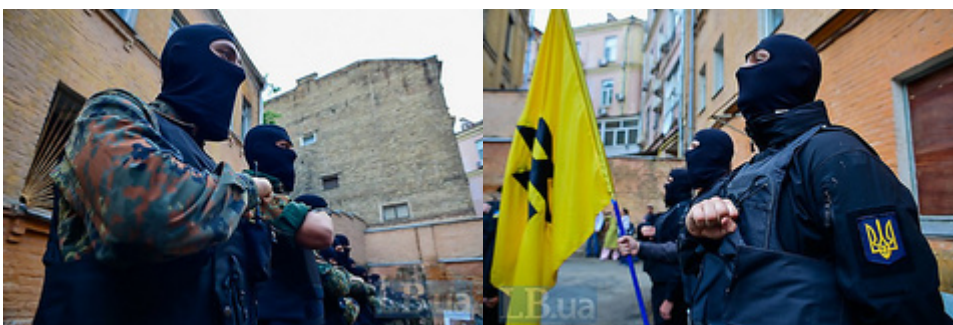
**Nazi Black Sun.**



**Emblem of the SS Division Das Reich.**

These militia bearing the Nazi SS emblem supported by the US and Canada are casually referred to as “Freedom fighters”.

**Scroll down for Selected Images of the Azov Battalion “Freedom Fighters”**





Imagine what would happen if Canada's RCMP or the US National Guard were to display swastika-like symbols.

### **Media Disinformation**

Unknown to both Americans and Canadians, the West is channeling financial support, weapons and training to a Neo-Nazi entity. Both Washington and Ottawa have sent in military instructors.

Nobody knows about it because the use of the words "Neo-Nazi" and "Fascist" in relation to Ukraine is a taboo. They have been excluded from the lexicon of investigative reporting. In media reports they have been replaced by "Ultra-conservative", "Extreme Right" and "Nationalist".

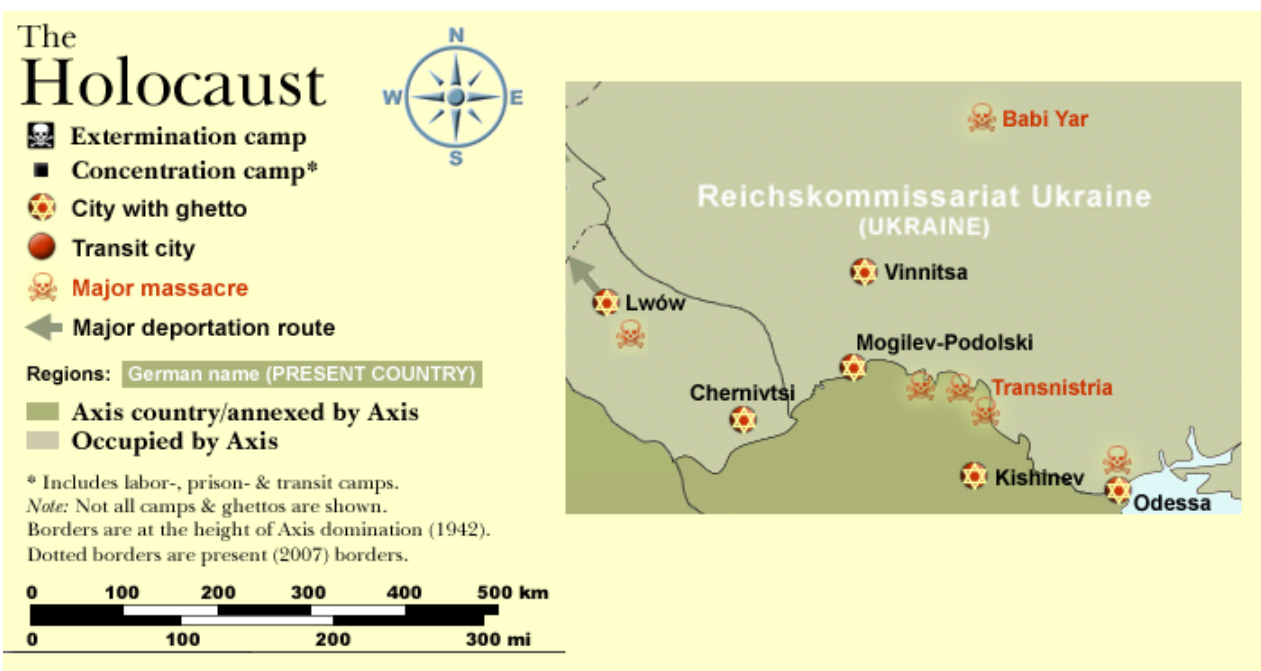
Ukraine's National Guard -which is supported by Canada- glorifies Adolph Hitler and Stepan Bandera, Ukraine's World War II Nazi leader and collaborator of the Third Reich.



People holding UPA (horizontal red and black) and Svoboda (3 yellow fingers on blue) flags march through Kyiv to the honor of the Nazi ally, Bandera.

See <http://revolution-news.com/ukrainian-euromaidan-putin-just-another-fascist-political-coup/>

It is worth noting that Ukrainian Jews were the target of the Third Reich's Einsatzgruppen (Task Groups or Deployment Groups) which were supported by Ukrainian Nazi collaborators led by Stepan Bandera. These "task forces" were paramilitary death squads deployed in occupied territories.



Talking about Neo-Nazis in Ukraine, who are part of the coalition government, is a taboo. It

is not newsworthy. Yet, the Neo-Nazis play a central role in the country's security apparatus.

Surely Canadians should be made aware of the fact that their government is sending military instructors to train Neo-Nazi recruits.

In contrast to the scanty news which is fed to Canadians, the Ukrainian media's coverage of Harper's visit to Kiev has nonetheless acknowledged Canada's support for the country's National Guard:

Canada will allocate \$5 million to train new police officers **and military instructors for the National Guard of Ukraine**, Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

Besides, **Canadian military instructors will arrive to Ukraine to train the National Guard**, the premier said. (Interfax-Ukraine, June 6, 2015)

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