

# Kiev Heads Closer to Resuming Full-Scale War on Donbass

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*Poroshenko awaits Obama's OK to launch it.*

"We will fight to the last drop of blood," he blustered.

Ukraine is a US-installed fascist police state. Fundamental democratic rights are prohibited – including a free and open media.

On Thursday, Ukrainian security forces shut down Odessa's Timer independent online news service. Its editor-in-chief, Yuri Tkachov, three journalists and web site administrator were arrested.

They'll likely be charged with "conspiracy to encroach on Ukraine's territorial integrity and inviolability" for reporting hard truths Kiev wants suppressed.

Daily provocations against Donbass continue. Donetsk People's Republic military spokesman Eduard Basurin said they're more frequent than any time since Minsk II in February.

In the last 24 hours alone, Kiev forces committed 43 ceasefire violations, he said.

Tanks, artillery, mortars and other weapons targeted Donetsk airport, Volvo center, Oktyabrskaya mine, Oktyabrskiy settlement, Shirokino, Gorlovka, Spartak, Zhabichevo, Saichenko, Kalinovka, Krasnyi Oktyabr, Zheleznaya Balka, Novaya Maryevka and Grirorovka.

According to Basurin, "(t)he Ukrainian side continues to scale up heavy weapons and munitions in the zone of the so-called anti-terrorist operation (against Donbass democrats)."

"DPR reconnaissance has reported movement of Uragan and Grad multiple rocket launch systems, infantry combat vehicles, self-propelled artillery units towards the engagement line."

"Also, we have information about Ukraine's deployment of additional field depots, which, according to our estimates, are holding more than 2,000 tons of munitions."

On Wednesday, State Department Jeff Rathke lied blaming freedom fighters for multiple daily Kiev Minsk violations, saying:

"(S)eparatists on a daily basis continue to breach the Minsk agreement through their attacks."

Blaming victims is longstanding US policy. So is serial lying.

On May 15, US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland arrived in Kiev - officially "to discuss a range of bilateral and regional issues."

In fact, to review plans for renewed aggression on Donbass. She was Obama's point person in replacing Ukraine's democratically elected government with overt Nazis assuming high regime positions.

### **A Final Comment**

The 1985 song "We Are the World" was written, recorded and sung to raise funds for starving Africans.

On May 13, NATO foreign ministers disgracefully sang it at an Alliance meeting in Turkey - an alarming PR stunt, suggesting imperial aggression is morally right.

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