

Kiev's Claims About Russian Troops in Ukraine Groundless

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The claims concerning Russian troops entering Ukraine are groundless, Leonid Slutsky, the head of the State Duma Committee for CIS Affairs, said Thursday.

“Lies have become habitual for the so-called [Ukrainian authorities](#), so [Ukrainian President] Poroshenko is not going to surprise anyone in Russia, or in the West. I can only say that there are no grounds for such claims,” Slutsky told RIA Novosti.

According to the official, Poroshenko's cancelation of his scheduled visit to Turkey under the pretext of Russian troops crossing into Ukraine is nothing but a publicity stunt.

“I think that very soon the international community will make an objective assessment of the Kiev junta's actions, and many countries, members of the European Council, the representatives of which we are constantly in touch with, are beginning to realize that Kiev is leaking lies,” Slutsky said.

Earlier, the Ukrainian president canceled his trip to Turkey and called an [emergency meeting](#) with the country's security council due to the aggravation of the situation in Donetsk Region, as “Russian troops were actually brought into Ukraine.”

Russia's envoy to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Andrei Krelin, denied the claims that Russia had sent troops to help independence supporters in eastern Ukraine.

On August 24, Donetsk People's Republic forces started to move south to the Sea of Azov on the Russian-Ukrainian border. Three days later, the republic claimed it had moved tanks into Novoazovsk on the Sea of Azov.

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