

# Fake Donetsk Letter Demands That Jews Register in Eastern Ukraine: “Everything’s Photoshopped”

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John Kerry denounced it, saying:

“During the past couple of days Jews in one of the cities were sent letters that they should declare themselves as Jews. The letter also contained threats.”

“By 2014, after all the lessons that history has presented to us, it is not just unacceptable. It is – absurd. This is – beyond acceptability.”

“People involved in this kind of activity on both sides need to understand that there is no place for this.”

The story went viral. Mainstream media feature it. The [New York Times](#) headlined “Demands That Jews Register in Eastern Ukraine Are Denounced, and Denied.”

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) national director Abraham Foxman hypes anti-Semitism hysteria. He supports Jewish supremacy over Arabs. The Times quoted him saying:

“We have seen a series of cynical and politically manipulative uses and accusations of anti-Semitism in Ukraine over the past year.”

“The perpetrators and their targets are opposing politicians and political movements, but the true victims are the Jewish communities.”

“We strongly condemn the anti-Semitic content, but also all attempts to use anti-Semitism for political purposes.”

ADL’s international affairs director Michael Salberg said Russia or one of its splinter groups distributed the leaflet.

He accused Moscow of cynically exploiting anti-Semitism. “The message is a message to all the people that is we’re going to exert our power over you,” he said.

“Jews are the default scapegoat throughout history for despots to send a message to the general public: Don’t step out of line.”

The [Washington Post](#) headlined “What we know about the “grotesque” leaflet handed out to Jews in Donetsk.”

It’s written in Russian. It has Russia’s national symbol on it. It includes an alleged Donetsk People’s Republic of Donetsk insignia.

It calls for Jews over 16 to register before May 3. It demands a detailed list of property they own. Failure to comply means citizenship revocation, deportation and assets seized, it said.

The leaflet reads as follows:

“Dear Ukraine citizens of Jewish nationality.

Due to the fact that the leaders of the Jewish community of Ukraine supported (Nazi era allied) Bendery Junta and oppose the pro-Slavic People’s Republic of Donetsk, (it) decided that all citizens of Jewish descent, over 16 years of age and residing within the republic’s territory are required to report to the Commissioner for Nationalities in the Donetsk Regional Administration building and register.”

“ID and passport are required to register your Jewish religion, religious documents of family members, as well as documents establishing the rights to all real estate property that belongs to you, including vehicles.”

“Evasion of registration will result in citizenship revoke and you will be forced outside the country with a confiscation of property.”

Jews were ordered to pay \$50 to register. “(W)ho is behind the leaflet,” asked WaPo? “That’s not exactly clear,” it said. It looks authentic, WaPo suggested.

“And who received the leaflet,” it added? “Again, this isn’t exactly clear.” Allegedly it was distributed by “masked men wearing military uniforms and carrying a Russian flag Tuesday.”

“So, what is going on,” WaPo asked? It urged caution. At the same time it said:

“It certainly seems possible that the flier was the work of pro-Russia separatists, working with or without the support or knowledge of” People’s Republic of Donetsk Governor Denis Pushilin.

He denounced it. He called it fake. More on his comments below.

“Whatever actually happened, there is one clear takeaway here,” said WaPo.

“With both sides accusing the other of being ‘Nazis,’ and accusing the other of anti-Semitism, Eastern Ukraine’s Jewish community is having an especially tough time during the Ukrainian crisis.”

Ukrainian Jews nationwide have one thing alone to fear. They’re targeted. They’re endangered. Neo-Nazi putschists threaten them.

Right Sector leader Dmitry Yarosh openly boasts about “killing Jews and Russians till I die.” Mainstream media ignore his threat.

[USA Today](#) headlined “Leaflet tells Jews to register in East Ukraine,” saying:

“World leaders and Jewish groups condemned a leaflet handed out in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk in which Jews were told to ‘register’ with the pro-Russian militants who have taken over a government office in an attempt to make Ukraine part

of Russia, according to Ukrainian and Israeli media.”

US Ukraine ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt lied calling the leaflet “the real deal.”

Zionist Organization of America president Morton Klein said:

“This is a frightening new development in the anti-Jewish movement that is gaining traction around the world.”

Donetsk People’s Republic Governor Denis Pushilin allegedly signed it. His spokesman Alexander Maltsev denied it. “This has nothing to do with us,” he said.

“It is a provocation.” Pushilin called it fake, saying:

“There are similar letters not only addressed to Jews, but also to businessmen, foreign students, people of certain other occupations.”

“This is actually a fake, and not a good one. There’s a sign ‘People’s Governor.’”

First of all, no one calls me by that title. No one elected me.

“Secondly, the stamp is the former mayor’s. Everything’s photoshopped.”

[RT International](#) said the leaflet directed to Jews appears “fake.” Former ruling Party of Regions parliamentarian Boris Kolesnikov visited Eastern Ukraine.

He urged carefully checking this type information. Its authenticity is suspect. He said Ukrainian law enforcement official aren’t honest.

They lied claiming Russian servicemen involvement in protests. No evidence whatever suggests it. He cited a video. It appeared online.

It features a man dressed in military attire. He addressed anti-Kiev city of Gorlovka police officers. He claimed Simferopol, Crimean Russian Lt. Col. credentials.

He lied. He was recognized. Local residents said he’s a former local cemetery director. According to Kolesnikov, he was “fired two years ago for selling 38 fences, stealing a monument, and extorting money from old women for new graves.”

“There are Interior Ministry and intelligence services in the country, which should give us truthful information,” he added.

Donetsk activists threaten no one, he stressed. Misinformation buries truth. Putschists spread it. Washington officials hype it.

In early April, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki lied saying Eastern Ukrainian protests “appeared to be a carefully orchestrated campaign with Russian support.”

Asked if the State Department assesses conditions based on Kiev information, she added:

“Well, of course we remain very closely in touch with the Ukrainian Government, and that’s who we work closely with, and of course, they are on the ground, so their information is often very relevant and current.”

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