

White Book on Violations of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Ukraine

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Today the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has released a White Book on violations of human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine since November 2013.

The book is divided into six chapters:

- Violations of Human rights;
- Interference by the European Union and the United States;
- Weapons and violent methods used by the protesters;
- Restrictions on basic freedoms and crackdown on dissidents;
- Discrimination based on ethnic background;
- Religious persecution.

Full text of the White Book in PDF:

The report contains a chronological record of the HR violations in Ukraine based on monitoring of Ukrainian, Russian and some Western media, statements and announcements made by the leaders of the "new government" of Ukraine and their supporters, numerous eyewitness accounts, including those posted on the Internet, as well as records based on observations and interviews with people on the scene, and those collected by non-governmental organization The Foundation for Researching Problems in Democracy, and the Moscow Bureau for Human Rights. It is supported by extensive photo and documentary footage.

The facts exposed in the book clearly demonstrate that under the influence of extremists from ultranationalistic and neo-Nazi forces, and with the active support of the USA and the European Union and its members, the protests in Ukraine which bore an initially peaceful character rapidly escalated into a coercive rebellion and, in the end, the forceful seizure of power and an unconstitutional coup d'état.

These dramatic events were accompanied by widespread and gross violations of human rights and freedoms on the part of the self-proclaimed government and its supporters. As a result, manifestations of extremist, ultranationalist, and neo-Nazi sentiments, religious intolerance, xenophobia, blatant blackmail, threats, pressure placed by the Maidan leaders on their opponents, purges and arrests amongst them, repression, physical violence, and sometimes plain criminal lawlessness have become commonplace in today's Ukraine.

In all of Ukraine's regions, but especially in the southeastern part of the country, Ukrainian

radical nationalists, instructed by the de facto authorities in Kiev and their external patrons, are ramping up the pressure on Russian-speaking citizens who do not want to lose the centuries-old ties that bind them to Russia and Russian culture.

The reporting covers the period since November 2013 till the end of March 2014. The situation even worsened later on and culminated in the <u>horrific massacre committed by the Ukrainian ultras in Odessa on May 2, 2014</u> leaving 46 dead (officially) and hundreds of wounded.

ORIENTAL REVIEW calls all concerned citizens of the world to deliver this report to your national authorities and distribute it widely among relevant institutions and parties. Together we can stop the madness of war and ethnic terrorism in Ukraine!

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