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Crisis in Ukraine: Daily Briefing

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1. Kremlin-backed "separatism" in Eastern Ukraine

The active phase of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in Eastern Ukraine continues. According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, four Ukrainian servicemen have been killed and some 30 "separatists" have been killed in battles around Slovyansk. As of the morning 6 May Kyiv time, government buildings and/or police/security services headquarters remain under the control of "separatists" in Slovyansk, Donetsk, Kramatorsk, Konstantynivka, Horlivka, Makiivka, Khartsysk, and Mariupol in Donetsk oblast, and Luhansk and Atratsyt in Luhansk oblast. The head of the Security Service of Ukraine, V. Nalyvaychenko, stated that "People are carrying out their duty to the end, but there is firing, foreign servicemen from the Russian Federation are being used, who enter from the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea."

2. Parliament does not pass bill on "referendum"

A draft bill, "On the Holding of an all-Ukrainian consultative poll on 25 May" failed to gain the necessary support in Parliament. Only 154 (minimum 226 votes) deputies supported the bill. The government has stated that a referendum could be held either in conjunction with the possible second round of the presidential election on June 15, or after a new president is elected.

3. Lavrov: "Separatists" should be part of negotiations on situation in Ukraine

Speaking in Vienna after Russian Foreign Minister S. Lavrov sp6 May that the Kremlin-backed "separatists," – who have violently seized and occupied government buildings, and have used terrorist methods such as kidnappings - who he called "protestors" should be part of any future negotiations regarding de-escalation of the crisis in Ukraine. He stated that "We won't move forward on the Geneva Statement without the full participation of Ukraine's south and east.

4. Dzhemiliev to appeal to European Court of Human Rights

M. Dzhemiliev, the leader of the Crimean Tatar people, has stated his intention to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights over his ban from travelling to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, instituted by the illegal "authorities" in Crimea, and the occupying Russian Federation, and in connection with the Crimean "authorities" reaction to protests by the Crimean Tatars on 3 May. Dzemiliev was not allowed to enter Crimea on 3 May, and is banned from entering the Republic for five years.