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Crisis in Ukraine: Daily Briefing

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1. Kremlin-backed violence in Eastern Ukraine

The active phase of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in Donetsk and Luhansk continues. The Ministry of Internal Affairs reports that Mariupol, Donetsk oblast has been freed of armed Kremlin-backed extremists and is back under control of ATO forces, and has been freed of Kremlin-backed armed extremists. According to advisor to the Minister of Internal Affairs, A. Herashchenko, 4 Ukrainian servicemen were injured in the operation in Mariupol, one seriously. Herashchenko noted that nobody from the civilian population of Mariupol assisted the Kremlin-backed extremists. Ukraine President P. Poroshenko instructed the head of the Donetsk oblast State Administration S. Taruta to move the offices of the Oblast State Administration temporarily to Mariupol. The three tanks that were in possession of Kremlin-backed armed extremists have broken down near Artemivsk, Donetsk oblast. According to Herashchenko the likely reason they broke down was because the extremists who were driving them did not know how to use them. According to information of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, these three tanks were Ukrainian army tanks that were seized by the Russian armed forces during the Russian occupation of Crimea and taken to mainland Russia. According to reports, Kremlin-backed armed extremists in Donetsk and Luhansk have begun fighting amongst themselves. On the night of 12-13 June representatives of the so-called Donetsk "Peoples' Republic" attacked a headquarters of the so-called Luhansk "Peoples' Republic" in Luhansk; one of the extremists from the Luhansk "Peoples' Republic" was killed.

2. Ukrainian children forcibly taken to Russia yesterday on their way back to Ukraine

The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine appealed to the European Court of Human Rights with regard to the abduction by Kremlin-backed armed extremists and illegal taking of Ukrainian children to Russia, which took place yesterday. The Russian Federation confirmed that 14 children from orphanages in Snizhne, Donetsk oblast, are in Rostov province, but claimed that two educators from the orphanage brought them to Russia. Russian officials stated that the Ukrainian government can send an official representative with proper documentation who can take the children back to Ukraine. According to reports, as of 8PM Kyiv time, the children are on their way back to Ukraine, under supervision of Ukraine's Consul-General in Rostov.

3. Ukraine PM: Ukraine preparing for shutoff of Russian gas

Ukraine PM A. Yatseniuk ordered relevant ministries, the state gas company Naftohas Ukrainy, and oblast state administrations to implement plans for the energy sector for the shut-off of Russian natural gas, starting Monday, 16 June. Naftohas Ukrainy and the Ministry of Justice are to complete the procedure for Ukraine's appeal to the Stockholm Arbitration Court regarding relations between Naftohas Ukrainy and Russian state gas company Gazprom. Talks between the two sides broke down on 11 June.

4. European Union releases 250 million Euros support for Ukraine

The European Commission released the first disbursement of 250 million Euros to Ukraine, part of the State Building Contract programme signed on 13 May. "The State Building Contract is designed to help Ukraine in the process of transformation and with related reforms. It includes concrete steps to promote more transparency, better governance, support the fight against corruption and help the government to respond to citizens' needs." The State Building Contract totals 355 million Euros, with the remaining 105 million to be disbursed in the coming months.