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[Restraint, responsibility and dialogue needed in Ukraine, including Crimea, says OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities](#) OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Astrid Thors today expressed her satisfaction that solutions to end the violence and loss of life in Ukraine are emerging. However, she cautioned that the situation remains very fragile. She called on all actors to refrain from taking actions that could lead to increased tensions. Thors is concerned about the effect the recent events have had on the already precarious situation on the Crimean peninsula. “I urge all sides to act responsibly, to continue respecting Ukraine’s territorial integrity, and to prevent clashes between different ethnic groups.” **OSCE. [Read More](#)**

[OSCE Chair appoints Personal Envoy on Ukraine and announces OSCE team to identify support measures](#) Swiss Foreign Minister and OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Didier Burkhalter has today appointed a Personal Envoy on Ukraine to co-ordinate all ongoing and planned OSCE activities on behalf of the Chairmanship. “Ambassador Tim Guldemann will rapidly take up consultations with all sides and will co-operate closely with international partners,” Burkhalter said while addressing the UN Security Council this afternoon. Guldemann, a seasoned Swiss diplomat and currently the Ambassador of Switzerland to Germany, has relevant experience in the OSCE context and was twice head of an OSCE field operation. **OSCE. [Read More](#)**

[Ukraine Bond Rally Seen Tied to New Aid Amid Default Concern](#) With Ukraine’s new leaders saying the economy is in peril and a debt default possible, bond investors are looking for clues that fresh aid is on its way. The nation’s benchmark dollar debt due in April 2023 posted its biggest gain in two months, with the yield dropping 93 basis points to 9.26 percent by 8 p.m. in Kiev. The rally followed an 82 basis point drop on Feb. 21, before lawmakers ousted [Viktor Yanukovich](#) as president and handed his powers to new parliamentary speaker, Oleksandr Turchynov. **Bloomberg. [Read More](#)**

[Was Yanukovich's Ouster Constitutional?](#) With opposition lawmakers now calling the shots, Ukraine's parliament spent February 23 steamrolling through a litany of key appointments -- including an interim president to replace ousted leader Viktor Yanukovich. Deputies elected Oleksandr Turchynov, a close ally of newly freed Yulia Tymoshenko and, since February 22, parliament speaker, to fill the presidential post until early elections are held on May 25. The vote, however, is unlikely to silence questions from the Yanukovich camp about whether his removal from power was legal. **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. [Read More](#)**

[Archival Is Freed as Ukraine Leader Flees](#) Abandoned by his own guards and reviled across the Ukrainian capital but still determined to recover his shredded authority, President Viktor F. Yanukovich fled Kiev on Saturday to denounce what he called a violent coup, as his official residence, his vast, colonnaded office complex and other once impregnable centers of power fell without a fight to throngs of joyous citizens stunned by their triumph. **The New York Times. [Read More](#)**

[Britain: we'll work with EU to support new government in Ukraine](#) Britain said it would work with EU partners to back a new government in Ukraine and welcomed reports that imprisoned opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko was being released, Foreign Secretary William Hague said in a statement on Saturday. "We will work closely with our EU partners in support of a new government in Ukraine, as and when that is formed," he said. **Reuters.** [Read More](#)

[With President's Departure, Ukraine Looks Toward a Murky Future](#) As ranks of riot police officers, Interior Ministry troops and even the president vanished Saturday from the capital, [Ukraine](#) slipped, with often-eerie calm after months of tumultuous protests and a week of bloody mayhem, into the hands of revolution. Gone along with President [Viktor F. Yanukovich](#), who had fled to eastern Ukraine, was any trace of a Friday peace deal that had sought to freeze the country's tumult by trimming the powers of the president while allowing him to stay in office until the end of the year. **The New York Times.** [Read More](#)

[Open Letter from the Public Commission for the Investigation and Prevention of Human Rights Violations in Ukraine](#) The events of bloody Tuesday – 02/18/2014 – confirmed that the Viktor Yanukovich -controlled, anti constitutional and authoritarian regime has now resorted to large-scale war against the Ukrainian people. This war is accompanied by a new wave of gross violations of fundamental human rights and basic individual freedoms. Using specially trained provocateurs, who have been infiltrated well in advance into the surroundings of the nonviolent protest movement, the government has now used unlawful brut force against the participants of a peaceful march to Parliament and initiated a barbarous “cleansing” of the Maidan. **Ukraine Human Rights** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine's president calls political crisis a 'coup', says he won't resign](#) Ukraine's embattled president is calling the country's political crisis a coup and says it resembles the rise of Nazis in the 1930s. Viktor Yanukovich also says he has no intention of resigning or leaving the country. Hours after Yanukovich and opposition leaders signed an agreement aimed at resolving the country's turmoil on Friday, Yanukovich went to Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine, the heartland of his support. **CTV News.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine protesters seize Yanukovich office; jailed rival 'free under law'](#) Protesters seized the Kiev office of President Viktor Yanukovich on Saturday and his whereabouts were a mystery, as the pro-Russian leader's grip on power rapidly eroded following bloodshed in the Ukrainian capital. Parliament voted to free his arch-rival, jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Her daughter said Tymoshenko was already free under Ukrainian law but still in the hospital where she has been held for treatment. The newly-installed interior minister declared that the police were now behind the protesters they had fought for days, giving central Kiev the look of a war zone with 77 people killed, while central authority crumbled in western Ukraine. **Reuters.** [Read More](#)

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