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To the Editor:

Re the article: [“Horror in Odessa as Fire Shatters Jewel of Czarist Russia” \(May 8\):](#)

We know and highly respect Bloomberg as an influential and unbiased major international agency whose reporting has always presented a clear and thorough analysis of the events. Therefore, we were surprised to read this article.

We consider it unbalanced, editorialized, one-sided and such that presents the situation in Odessa only from the point of view of the Kremlin propaganda whose lies have been refuted countless times, including by the U.S. Government.

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[PETITION: Designate Russia as "State Sponsor of Terrorism"](#) In its unannounced war against Ukraine, Russia relies on covert operations which fall squarely within the definition of "international terrorism" under 18 U.S.C. § 2331. Specifically, armed operatives of Russia, acting under disguise, attempt to influence the policy of Ukrainian government by intimidation or coercion. They also try to affect the conduct of a government by assassinations and kidnapping, taking by force government buildings, police posts and military bases of Ukraine. This activity is being conducted on large scale and over prolonged time period, despite condemnation by the USA, G-7, NATO, EU and UN. **The White House.** [Read More](#)

[Bohdan Vitvitsky; Radio Interview on "Violence Heats Up in Ukraine"](#) May 14, 2014: UABA Member Bohdan Vitvitsky was interviewed on the Chicago PBS station WBEZ's Worldview program regarding the violence in Eastern Ukraine,

[Click Here to hear his 13 minute comments](#)

[Russia lambasts U.N. report on rights in Ukraine](#) Russia criticised a U.N. report on human rights in Ukraine on Friday, saying it lacked any semblance of objectivity, and accused its authors of following "political orders" to whitewash the pro-Western leadership. The Foreign Ministry said the report demonised pro-Moscow separatists in eastern Ukraine while ignoring "the crudest violations of human rights by the self-proclaimed Kiev authorities." U.N. monitors found an alarming deterioration in the situation in the east and serious problems emerging in Crimea, which has been annexed by Russia, U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay said in a statement accompanying the report. **REUTERS.** [Read More](#)

[Germany welcomes Ukraine talks but warns of human rights abuses](#) The German government on Friday welcomed apparent progress in 'round table' talks in Ukraine but said international monitors had evidence of grave human rights abuses by pro-Russian groups in annexed Crimea and in the east of the country. [Angela Merkel's](#) spokesman Steffen Seibert said the German chancellor was

glad that talks would continue this weekend in the east Ukrainian city of Kharkiv. But he said Berlin was very concerned by an OSCE report on the human rights situation. **Yahoo News.** [Read More](#)

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[Boston Boycotts Spivakov - Artist Who Supports Putin's War Against Ukraine!](#) *Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 11, 2014* – About fifty people gathered outside Sanders Theatre to protest the Russian violinist and conductor Vladimir Spivakov because of his support of Russia's military invasion of Ukraine (first occupation of Crimea, Ukraine and the actions supported by Russia in Eastern Ukraine). Protesters distributed leaflets and flowers.

Later the protesters learned that an incident took place at the end of the concert when an activist and Harvard graduate Roman Torgovitsky came to the stage, thanked the maestro and asked him about his political position. Harvard police arrested the protester and he is now banned from campus. The group also learned that organizers have instructed ushers and police to TAKE AWAY YELLOW AND BLUEFLOWERS (colors of Ukraine) from the members of the audience — a rather disturbing move which turned Spivakov's concert into an anti-Ukrainian event. This also appears to be a violation of the 1st Amendment Right of the United States Constitution and should not be tolerated in a free democratic country of United States of America. Torgovitsky's arrest report also shows that Harvard University Police took away the concert-goers' blue and yellow flowers.

Please cover this story: <http://on.fb.me/1ltD7wx>

The story told by Mr. Trogovitsky: <http://euromaidanpr.com/2014/05/15/man-arrested-during-spivakov-protest-at-harvard-gives-his-account-of-events/>

Video of the arrest (inside): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPtvPo3tnww>

Video of the picket (outside): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy6YxCzLcBA&feature=youtu.be>

All details of the event that took place and at which Mr. Torgovitsky was arrested are on Facebook at the following address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MusicLoversAgainstAggression/>

What: The protest against musicians who support Putin's aggression against Ukraine and annexation of Crimea, Ukraine into Russia. Maestro Spivakov signed an open letter in support of Putin's aggression against Ukraine.

Who: U.S. citizens and residents, including members of a loosely organized protest group entitled "MusicLoversAgainstAggression"

When: Saturday, May 11, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Picket took place near the [Sanders Theatre, Harvard University](#)

[Bill Clinton Just Gave A Grave Warning About Putin's Plan For Ukraine](#) Former U.S. President Bill Clinton accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of attempting to "re-establish Russian greatness," warning world leaders they are perhaps not dealing with a rational foreign-policy thinker. "Putin wants to re-establish Russian greatness, not in Cold War terms undefined in 19th-century-empire terms," Clinton said during a question-and-answer session at the Peter G. Peterson Foundation's annual Fiscal Summit on Wednesday. **Business Insider.** [Read More](#)

[Kiev leaders push for regional autonomy](#) Ukraine's interim leaders on Wednesday pushed a plan to allow the regions a greater say over their affairs, but the exclusion of separatists from round table talks cast doubt over whether the move could defuse the crisis, Reuters reported. The talks brought together politicians and civil groups in an effort to quell a pro-Russian rebellion in the industrialized Donbass region of eastern Ukraine, which has triggered fears of a break-up of the former Soviet republic. They came at a tense moment for Kiev. On Tuesday, seven soldiers were killed in an ambush near the city of Kramatorsk, the deadliest attack on security forces since they were sent to tackle the uprising in the east in April. **Ukrainian Journal.** [Read More](#)

[Luhansk region legislature plans to issue Verkhovna Rada ultimatum](#) Lawmakers in Luhansk region, eastern Ukraine, plan to demand that Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada urgently adopt constitutional amendments that would turn Ukraine into a federal state and grant Russian official status as a second state language. **Kyivpost.** [Read More](#)

[Ukrainian language pushed out of Crimean schools](#) The Russian Education Ministry has announced that teachers of Ukrainian language and literature in Crimean schools will be retrained as teachers of Russian. Not only is the main language of tuition changing at the Ukrainian Lyceum in Simferopol, but a Russian flag has now been raised over it. Even before its military intervention and

annexation of the Crimea, Russia had long accused the Ukrainian authorities of violating the rights of Russian speakers. Although Russian is the main language of communication in the Crimea and the European Charter of Regional or Minority Language did not find such infringements, Vladimir Putin claimed that Russia's intervention was in response to calls for protection. **Human Rights In Ukraine.** [Read More](#)

[Window on Eurasia: Moscow Faces Problems in Absorbing Crimea into Russian Legal Space](#) Having annexed Ukraine's Crimea, Moscow is now finding it difficult to bring that region into the common Russian legal space. The situation there is now one of "legal chaos, the complete adaptation of the region legally will take another two or three years, and the echoes of this will last for decades, according to Russian legal experts. In "Novyye izvestiya" yesterday, Yekaterina Dyatlovskaya surveys the process of integrating Crimea into the Russian legal space, the problems that this effort is encountering, and the predictions of Russian experts about how they will be resolved and how long they will last. **Window on Eurasia.** [Read More](#)

[Resist or cooperate? Crimean Tatars split over Russian rule](#) Seventy years after their families' mass deportation under Soviet leader Josef Stalin, the Crimean Tatars are in a quandary: should they cooperate with their homeland's new Russian authorities or resist them? Some Tatars - Sunni Muslims of Turkic origin - fear a return to Stalinist repression despite official promises to respect their rights and freedoms; others say dealing with Russia is the best way of ensuring their people can flourish. Less than two months into Moscow rule, tensions are running high before Sunday's anniversary of the deportations in cattle wagons which began on May 18, 1944. **Reuters.** [Read More](#)

[Weisenthal Centre outraged by Kremlin-funded Russia Today's anti-Semitic clip](#) Remember when Vladimir Putin said the provisional government in Kiev was brought to power by "nationalists, neo-Nazis, Russophobes and anti-Semites"? Remember how RT, or Russia Today, the Kremlin's English-language propaganda outlet, actively advanced the fiction undefined and it is a fiction that anti-Semitism is now running rampant in post-Yanukovich Ukraine? The stories about Odessa Jews being evacuated, of Ukrainian synagogues being attacked, the stories on the anti-Semitic statements of Ukrainian nationalists involved in the Maidan movement? **Human Rights in Ukraine.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine's western neighbours want crisis plan to ensure energy if Russia cuts off gas](#) Central European leaders have agreed to come up with a plan to co-operate over gas supplies in case Russia cuts off deliveries through Ukraine. The plan was announced as Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that his country could stop sending gas next month because of Ukraine's high gas debts. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said he and his counterparts from Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic agreed Thursday to work on a "solidarity mechanism" for gas supplies. **Yahoo News.** [Read More](#)

[Latest from the Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine - based on information received until 18:00 hrs, 14 May \(Kyiv time\)](#) *In Donetsk and Luhansk the situation remained volatile. Other parts of Ukraine remained calm.* The situation in **Kharkiv** remained calm. In **Luhansk** region the situation remained volatile. The SMM was informed about the abduction of a school teacher by unknown uniformed armed men on 14 May. Reportedly, the teacher was abducted in the office in the presence of pupils and teachers and taken into a car and allegedly held at the SBU building which is occupied by "South Eastern Army". The teacher was released after two hours. **OSCE.** [Read More](#)

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