



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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Dear Friends of Ukraine, Civic Sector of EuroMaidan Newsletter # 2

Civic Sector of EuroMaidan is a grassroots movement, which started on November 30, 2013 after bloody beatings of the peaceful protestors at the Independence Square in Kyiv.

We are a non- partisan movement and our primary goal is to change the political system in Ukraine, not just the names of the politicians in power.

We ask the international community and friends of Ukraine to support the people of Ukraine in their struggle for freedom and European choice.

*Kind regards,
The Team of Civic Sector of EuroMaidan*

EuroMaidan celebrated New Year's Eve with a Guinness World Record mass signing of the national anthem

The night of thousands lights

More than 500 000 Ukrainians gathered at EuroMaidan to celebrate the coming of the new 2014 year, the year of new hopes and aspirations for all Ukrainians willing to see their country a free democratic and European state. The non-violent struggle with the bloody regime of Viktor Yanukovich continues in 2014.

The group singing of the national anthem during the celebration has been qualified for the Guinness World Record for the greatest number of people singing anthem together. Watch the video of people singing national anthem here: <http://goo.gl/5LFtuV>

During the singing of the national anthem of Ukraine, people lit thousands of lights, which created a truly magical effect.

Enjoy it on the video <http://goo.gl/tpMiTP>

Ten minutes before midnight, Ukrainians addressed the President of Ukraine with a video greeting: ***"We will enter European Union with or without you, Mr. Yanukovich!"*** – one of the speakers said.

See the whole video (in Ukrainian) here: <http://goo.gl/CJiK1S>

See photos from the New Year's celebration at EuroMaidan here:

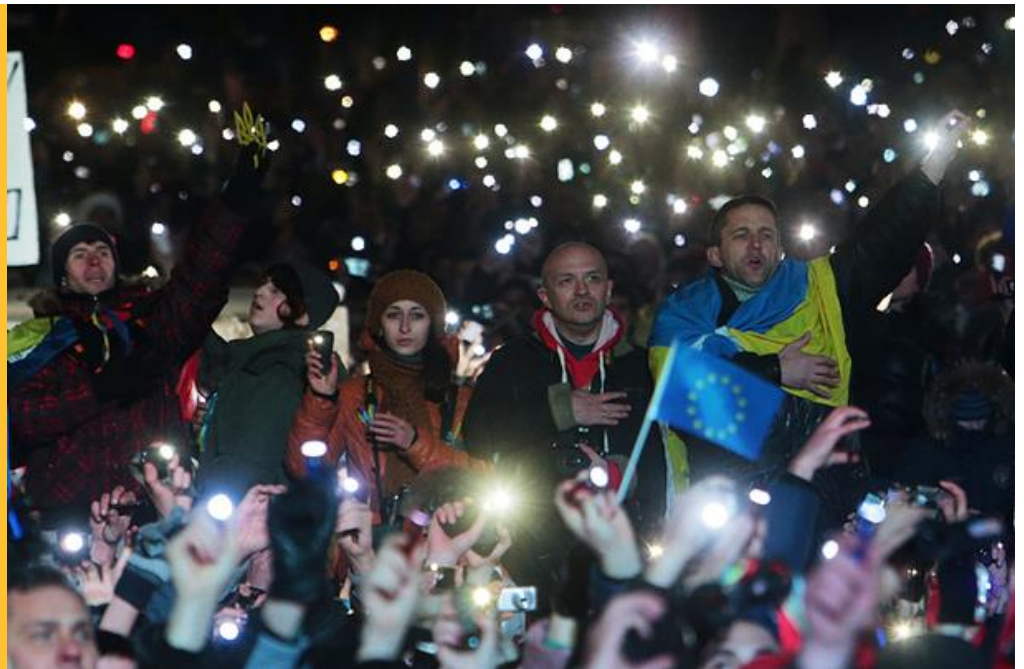
<http://goo.gl/N5K8TQ>

and here: <http://goo.gl/wxO1oM>

On New Year's Eve, EuroMaidan activists went to Lukyanivske pre-trial detention jail in Kyiv to support activists, who are still imprisoned.

Video is available at <http://goo.gl/i8fY8q>

Ukrainians sing national anthem during the New Year's celebration at EuroMaidan in Kyiv



The torch march celebrating Stepan Bandera's 105th birthday anniversary held by political party "Svoboda" on January 1st

January 1, 2014: Around 5 000 supporters of the right-wing political party "Svoboda" held a torch march celebrating 105th birthday anniversary of Stepan Bandera, one of the leaders of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) that fought for national independence during the 1940s.

The historical memory of the OUN remains controversial and brings in a lot of public debates in many regions of Ukraine. For this reason, a number of civic activists of EuroMaidan expressed concerns about the plans of "Svoboda" to hold the march at the center of Kyiv.

See video of the march at <http://goo.gl/LldvPH>

Professor Aleksandr Motyl: Taking President Yanukovych to the International Criminal Court? Victor Yanukovych bears personal responsibility for the bloody crackdown on the Maidan

Prof. Aleksandr Motyl (Rutgers University-Newark) analyzes the logic behind the wave of savage violence against the activists of EuroMaidan and claims the following: ***“It is possible that Yanukovych gave the order for all these acts of violence or it may be that he simply instructed his staff to get the job done. Whatever the case, as the man who runs the show, he carries full responsibility for the violence his people carry out.”***

The complete article is available at <http://goo.gl/YdSHtu>

Maria Lebedeva, journalist and activist of Civic Sector of EuroMaidan, the witness of the infamous bloody events on the night of November 30, 2013 shares her memories: ***“I saw my colleagues with head wounds. I saw my activist friends, I saw an elderly woman, Lubomyra, with a broken arm. She could not say a word when asked, “What happened to you?!” She just looked at me, her eyes wide with fear, near the ambulance. A man with an injured head stood in front of her, getting help. It was frightening.”***

Read more at <http://goo.gl/Y31RFn>
Videos from Nov 30, 2013 are available at

Lit by thousands of lights, the struggle on EuroMaidan continues in 2014



Volodymyr Viatrovych: We are being formed as citizens The results are positive for the future

Volodymyr Viatrovych, historian and activist of the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan, speaks about the prospects of the current events for the history of Ukraine: ***“Ukrainians are becoming more mature. We are being formed as citizens. People are taking responsibility for the future of their country. They do not want to relegate***

this job to anyone else. And protesters have shown that they are able to control the authorities and protect each other.”

Read more at <http://goo.gl/Iy7wbg>

People of Ukraine against Minister Zakharchenko

The bloody Minister has to be punished

Civic Sector of EuroMaidan has initiated a call to the Ukrainian citizens to file a collective lawsuit against the Minister of the Interior, Vitaliy Zakharchenko, for his failure to fulfill his direct duties – protection of life and health of the citizens of Ukraine and for the use of violence against people.

Please follow the link for the lawsuit sample and legal commentary (in Ukrainian) at <http://goo.gl/RW3mxE>

Civic Sector of EuroMaidan strongly demands to remove the bloody Minister responsible for beatings of peaceful protestors on the Maidan.

Please support the call for immediate resignation of Minister Zakharchenko here <http://goo.gl/aJ2Idn>

Resist, Ukraine! Europe, impose sanctions! Regime of President Yanukovych has lost its legitimacy

Dmytro Potekhin, expert in non-violence , suggests a strategy for non-violent resistance for Ukraine. The two steps should include active informing of the police and the army about the fact that the regime of President Yanukovych has lost its legitimacy.

The second step should be an announcement of the closer date of the new presidential elections, at the beginning of 2014.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/7e8zfP>

The officials from the United States and the European Union are ready to impose personal sanctions against the top-ranking politicians in Ukraine.

On January 2nd , a representative of the President Obama's Administration received a list of names of the officials of the government in Ukraine in order to initiate the process of imposing sanctions.

On January 4th , the Vice-President of the European Parliament Gianni Pitella has announced that he will ask the E.U. to impose sanctions against the officials in Ukraine.

Please follow the progress of this process at <http://en.pravda.com.ua/>

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