

## Security in eastern Ukraine deteriorating

### *Ситуація з безпекою у східній Україні погіршилася*

*Ситуація в зоні проведення антитерористичної операції на сході України значно погіршилася з кінця квітня нинішнього року. Про це заявляє голова Спеціальної моніторингової місії ОБСЄ Ертугрул Апакан. «З моменту моєї останнього доповіді на Постійній раді 23 квітня нинішнього року, ситуація на сході України погіршився. Кількість порушень режиму припинення вогню збільшилася з обох сторін, площа поширення насильства зростає, бої повернулися в міста і райони, в яких було тихо протягом декількох місяців», – заявив Апакан. Глава СММ також зазначив, що цивільне населення в зоні конфлікту відчуває загрозу у зв'язку із руйнуванням інфраструктури водопостачання. «СММ ініціює припинення місцевих перестрілок, щоб здійснити розмінування та ремонти», – заявив Апакан.*

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The situation in eastern Ukraine has deteriorated significantly in the last week, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) warned on Sunday, with heavy weaponry such as tanks and howitzers spotted along the front lines. Such weapons were supposed to have been removed according to an agreement signed by the government and pro-Russian separatists in February, the deputy head of the Ukraine mission, Alexander Hug, said during a visit to the port city of Mariupol.

There had been an alarming increase in the number of rebel and government checkpoints, which were becoming targets for attacks and therefore endangering civilians stuck in the queues of cars that build up at them, Hug said.

Hug said the rebels had withdrawn from the fiercely fought-over village of Shyrokyne, 20 kilometres to the east of Mariupol, and that the place was now abandoned. Fighting was reported in the contested regions of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, while both sides accused the other of violating the ceasefire.

At least five government soldiers were killed when a landmine in the conflict zone exploded, a presidential spokesman said Sunday in Kiev, adding that 10 other troops have been injured in fighting over the past 24 hours.

In Berlin, a government document showed that the German Army, the Bundeswehr, plans to take part in two military operations in Ukraine this summer.

The plan was to have “individual personnel” take part in the ground exercise Rapid Trident as well as the marine exercise Sea Breeze, a written reply by the Foreign Office to an opposition request in parliament said.

The Bundeswehr took part in the same manoeuvres in 2014 in spite of the conflict between pro-Russian separatists and government forces in east Ukraine. Moscow protested the operations at the time.

Rapid Trident is scheduled to take place in Yavoriv in western Ukraine 50 kilometres from Lviv and is expected to involve 1,800 troops from 18 countries, a significant increase on the 1,200 that took part past year.

The United States-led operation is expected to last 11 days and is due to be launched with an official ceremony on July 20. Sea Breeze, a joint US-Ukraine operation, is expected to last from August 31 to September 12 in the Black Sea. The OSCE has some 500 observers in the conflict region. Meanwhile, five Ukrainian soldiers were killed when a landmine exploded in the separatist east, a military spokesman said, as clashes raged on despite a four-month truce