

Study Guide

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Forum: Security council

Issue: The question of war progressing in Ukraine.

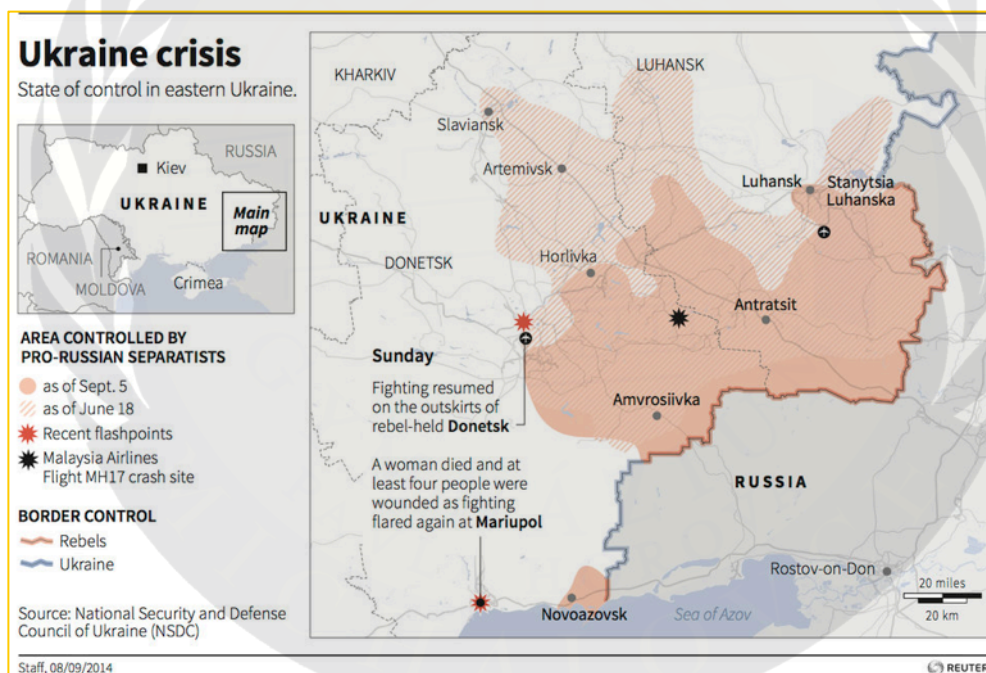
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INTRODUCTION:

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe with a population about 42,5 million people. Mainly on the eastern landscape of Ukraine has the war culminate in April 2014 and has not ended yet, protest preceded this culmination.

The crisis started when pro-Moscow President Viktor Yanukovich's government abandoned a deal with the European Union in favour of stronger ties with Russia. As we all know Ukraine has been torn between east and west since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.



In November 2013 crowds of people went to the streets of Kiev. By December protestants have been occupying Independence Square. In the middle of January parliament passes restrictive ant-protests laws and anti-Yanukovych protesters begin storming in other parts of western Ukraine.

The worst has happened in February when people has been dying and pro-Russian gunmen seize key buildings in the Crimean capital, Simferopol. The EU and US condemn the annexation of Crimea and impose a first round of sanctions on Russian officials and high-ranking Moscow allies in Ukraine.

Elections for a new president in Ukraine were held in May, the winner of elections was

Petro Poroshenko with more than 55% of the vote, although no polling stations were open in Donetsk city and more several cities in Eastern Europe where the disputes took a place.



After the shot down of the plane of the Amsterdam in July, a ceasefire is agreed on 5 September between Ukraine and the pro-Russian rebel. Ceasefire is violated four days later when fierce fighting erupts around Donetsk airport.



On 12 February and agreement, called Minsk II, has been signed and reached to the end the fighting. Despite the agreement, heavy fighting continues around Debaltseve with rebel forces pressing to capture the strategically important road to hold the territory in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS:

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: It was a socialist state that existed from December 1922 to December 1991. The country was one-party state governed by the Communist Party with Moscow as its capital.

CRIMEA: The Republic of Crimea, officially part of Ukraine, lies on a peninsula stretching out from the south of Ukraine between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

MINSK AGREEMENT II: At a summit in Minsk in February 2014, the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, France, Germany agreed to a package of measures to alleviate the ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATIONS:

There are about 100 000 fighter stations and it makes the most heavily militarized area on the Earth. Thousands of people, civilians, has been putted into the constant danger, hundreds of the died, people lost their family members and country is devastated.

Both sides continue building their forces. As Vladimir Putin said about Ukraine's, that they are more Russian than Ukrainian. It is ridiculous talking about lives like it is someone elses wealth. Russia just wants to destabilize relationships with EU, just because of that fact that the Ukraine did not make a stronger tie with Russia.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

In our committee, we would like to raise awareness of this regional conflict in a modern Europe and prevent its spreading throughout Europe and Caucasian region. We are deeply interested in finding solutions to this situation. Delegates have to focus on countries that are directly engaged in fighting or are supporting fighting of the countries in Eastern Ukraine. Finding the ways of reconstruction of Ukraine's borders in order to find a peaceful and diplomatic solution.

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