



UKRAINE FOREIGN MINISTER: READY TO FIGHT RUSSIA

April 24, 2014 The Associated Press reported: "Ukraine's foreign minister has blasted the Russian decision to start military maneuvers along their border and said Thursday his country will fight any invading troops. Andriy Deshchytisa told The Associated Press in Prague that Russia's decision to launch the military exercises "very much escalates the situation in the region."

Deshchytisa said his country had been taught a lesson by Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula.

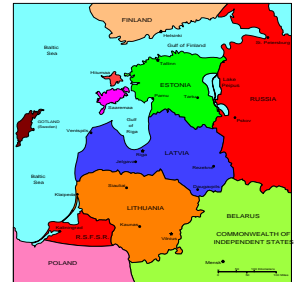
"We will now fight with Russian troops if ... they invade Ukraine," he said. "The Ukrainian people and Ukrainian army are ready to do this. Ukraine will confront Russia. We will defend our land. We will defend our territory."

Ukrainian authorities have renewed a push to force pro-Russia armed insurgents out of occupied buildings in eastern cities. Reacting to the killing of at least two pro-Russian insurgents Thursday, Moscow announced the military exercises."..."

US TO SEND 600 TROOPS TO BALTICS, POLAND AMID UKRAINE TENSIONS

April 23, 2014 The EU Observer reported: "The US Tuesday announced it is sending hundreds of troops for military exercises to four countries in Eastern Europe to assure them of its commitment to the region's defence amid ongoing tension in Ukraine."

The 600 US troops will be deployed to Poland and the three Baltic countries - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania - and will conduct live ammunition exercises with forces from the four host states. The US Pentagon said the move was in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine.



"If there's a message to Moscow, it is the exact same message, that we take our obligations very, very seriously on the continent of Europe," said Pentagon press secretary, Rear Admiral John Kirby on Tuesday, according to US media reports. Kirby said the decision was more than about symbolism, with Nato having ruled out military intervention in Ukraine.

"Any time you put troops on the ground and doing exercises — in this case, for a month at a time — it's more than symbology. The kind of work that we're going to be doing is real infantry training. And that's not insignificant."

CANADIAN ABORTED BABIES INCINERATED IN OREGON WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY

April 23, 2014 lifesitenews.com reported: "The British Columbia Health Ministry has admitted that the remains of babies destroyed by abortion in B.C. facilities are ending up in a waste-to-power facility in the United States, providing electricity for residents of Oregon. The province's Health Ministry said in an email to the B.C. Catholic that "biomedical waste" shipped to the U.S. to be incinerated includes "human tissue, such as surgically removed cancerous tissue, amputated limbs, and fetal tissue."

"The ministry understands that some is transferred to Oregon. There it is incinerated in a waste-to-energy plant," the email stated. The ministry said that contractors handling the province's "biomedical waste" follow "health and safety protocols, as well as federal, provincial, and local regulations."

Kristan Mitchell, executive director of the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association, told the B.C. Catholic that the "biomedical waste" likely ends up at the Covanta Marion waste-to-energy facility in Oregon since it is the only facility that uses waste to power the grid. The facility confirmed that it still receives and incinerates B.C. medical waste. The power facility, located in Brookes just off the I-5, burns waste in two massive boilers at a temperature of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat transfers into water tubes, which creates steam to drive turbines. The turbines generate electricity...."

TONY BLAIR: WORLD MUST TAKE A STAND AGAINST RADICAL ISLAM

April 23, 2014 Haaretz reported: "The world must take a stand against Islamic fundamentalism and support the principles of religious freedom and open economies, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Quartet representative to the Middle East, was to say Wednesday in a speech at the Bloomberg London H."

In the speech, the text of which was released early, Blair also argues the fate of Israel 'remains absolutely core to the region and the world' and that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was right to invest so much effort into attempting to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace.

'There is a titanic struggle going on within the region between those who want the region to embrace the modern world – politically, socially and economically – and those who instead want to create a politics of religious difference and exclusivity,' says Blair. 'This is what, irrespective of the problems on the Israeli side, divides Palestinian politics and constrains their leadership.'

'We have to take sides,' says Blair. He is calling on the world to commit to the Middle East and engage in it, specifying that while this does not necessarily mean military involvement, 'it does mean stirring ourselves.'

