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## **Ukrainian Parliament has become a centre for political decision making**

A new situational majority has been established in the Ukrainian Parliament (including representative of the Party of Regions faction, - ed.), that has supported a number of laws and decrees of the opposition MPs.

It is also to note that as of 22 February 63 out of 210 deputies have left the Party of Regions faction.

## **Parliament dismissed Yanukovych**

Members of the Ukrainian parliament supported the decree on the dismissal of President **Viktor Yanukovych**.

It is to note that according to the Ukrainian law, decrees by the Verkhovna Rada enter into force immediately upon their adoption.

The early election of the head of the state have been appointed for 25 May 2014.

In absence of the president, his duties are entrusted to the chairman of the parliament.

Earlier, Yanukovych said in a TV report that he was not going to resign. At the same time, he called all the developments a coup.

The state boarder guard service reported that the plane with Viktor Yanukovych onboard, tried to fly out from Donetsk but they did not allow it to do so.

As is known, dismissal of Yanukovych was one of the major demands of the Euro-Maydan participants.

It is to mention that more 100 people died and tens of thousands were wounded, including journalists, over the 93 days of the continuous protest.

## **Tymoshenko freed**

Former prime-minister **Yulia Tymoshenko** left the premises of the Kharkiv based hospital where she has been undergoing treatment since May 2012.

The politician said she would be running for the presidency of Ukraine.

Several hour before that, the parliament adopted a decree providing for the release of the former prime minister.

It is to remind that in late 2011, Tymoshenko was sentenced for seven years of prison for abuse power when signing the gas agreements with Russia.

## **Turchinov has become the Parliament chairman**

Fatherland faction's **Oleksandr Turchinov** has become the new chairman of the Parliament.

Also, the parliament has adopted a decree according to which Turchinov would be coordinating the functioning of the executive power until the formation of a new government.

### **Parliament returned Constitution 2004 to force**

Members of the Parliament adopted the decision returning Constitution 2004 to force, providing for the parliamentary-presidential form of governance.

### **Parliament has appointed commissioners for security bodies**

On 22 February, the Parliament adopted a decree on appointment of UDAR faction deputy **Valentyn Nalyvaichenko** commissioned to control the activity of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU), general **Volodymyr Zamana** commissioned to control the activity of the Armed Forces, and Svoboda faction deputy **Oleg Mokhnitsky** commissioned to control the activity of the Prosecutor General's Office.

It is to mention that the former members of the government started leaving Ukraine.

According to the acting interior minister **Arsen Avakov**, former minister of finance and income **Oleksandr Klymenko** and former prosecutor general **Viktor Pshonka** succeeded to run at an attempt to arrest them by boarder guard in Donetsk airport.

Also, it became known that former interior minister **Vitaliy Zakharchenko** tried to leave the territory of Ukraine, but the boarder guard prevented him from doing so.

### **Guard opened the access to the president's residence**

On 22 February, presidential guard opened for visitors the access to the territory of the residence of the former president of Ukraine **Viktor Yanukovych** "Mezhygiria" near Kiev.

The day before, on 21 February, Yanukovych had left his residence.

Earlier, media reported many times that "Mezhygiria" is a 140 hectare complex in the territory of which there are living facilities, a yacht moorage, a horse club, a shooting range, a tennis court and other entertainment and resort facilities and hunting lands.

### **South and East Regions Congress held in Kharkiv**

On 22 February, the Congress of Deputies of Southern and Eastern Regions and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea was held in Kharkiv, under the patronage of the Karkiv Region governor **Mykhailo Dobkin**.

In conclusion of the congress, a resolution was adopted by which the deputies adopted the decision to assume the responsibility to ensure the constitutional order and the rights of citizens on the territories “entrusted to them”.

The newly appointed head of the Ministry of Interior **Arsen Avakov** reported that Dobkin and Kahrkiv Mayor **Gennadiy Kernes**, immediately after the end of the congress, ran to Russia.

Accordin to the TSN news service, Dobkin and Kernes escaped to Grozny.

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