



UKRAINE'S POROSHENKO: WAR CRIMINAL!

When Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko arrives in New York for the 70th United Nations General Assembly in late September, activists in solidarity with the Donbass People's Republics and Ukrainian political prisoners plan to expose him for the war criminal he is.

Poroshenko comes bearing proposals aimed at furthering U.S.-NATO demonization of the Russian Federation. Russia President Vladimir Putin will also be present in New York. In his speech Sept. 29, Poroshenko is expected to ask the General Assembly to remove Russia from its permanent slot on the U.N. Security Council, where it has often served as a counterweight to U.S. aggression, as in Syria.

Although Poroshenko's suggestion is unlikely to find much support, he and his U.S. handlers will use this occasion to continue spreading lies about an alleged "Russian invasion" of eastern Ukraine and equally imaginary Russian threat to NATO members in Eastern Europe. Poroshenko is also expected to ask President Barack Obama and other U.S. officials for billions of dollars in additional weapons and other military aid to suppress the anti-fascist rebellion in the Donbass mining region.

Besides demonizing Russia, these tales are meant to discredit the independent Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics. People there voted overwhelmingly to leave

Ukraine after the far-right coup of February 2014, whose first act was to ban the Russian language — the language of most residents in the east.

After signing an internationally negotiated ceasefire agreement in Minsk earlier this year, Poroshenko's military has violated its terms in every imaginable way: refusing to implement Special Status for the Donbass and other regions, continuing to shell civilian areas nightly, and even building up a force of 90,000-plus troops and new NATO-supplied armaments on the contact line with Donetsk and Lugansk. These troops are currently poised to carry out a new military offensive.



*Tuv home in Gorlovka, destroy by Ukrainian shelling.
Child and father killed, mother lost her arm.*



Protests against Poroshenko, Obama and McCain's war in Donbass: Donetsk (left) and Kiev (right).



Poroshenko, a multimillionaire oligarch known as the “Chocolate King” for his control of the Roshen Chocolate empire, was elected in unfree, unfair elections in May 2014. The election was held just weeks after the fascist massacre of 48 youths, workers and pensioners at the House of Trade Unions in Odessa. At the time, Poroshenko was seen as one of the more “moderate” leaders of the Maidan movement that had overthrown the previous government.

Those parties that opposed Maidan were forced off the ballot. People in the country’s east boycotted what they called the “election of blood.” Neo-Nazi gangs harassed and intimidated residents at polling stations. Under those conditions, voters opted for Poroshenko in hopes he would negotiate an end to the war against Donbass.

Instead, Poroshenko immediately intensified the war. He also adopted the ideological trappings of the most virulent fascist groups in Kiev and stepped up persecution of political opponents, especially on the left.

Along with his masters in Washington and Brussels, Poroshenko carries the responsibility for at least 7,000 deaths and tens of thousands of wounded in Kiev’s so-called Anti-Terrorist Operation against the Donbass republics; more than 1.35 million displaced people, including 900,000 refugees who’ve fled Ukraine and Donbass since the war’s start, most to Russia; and thousands of political prisoners, from local communist activists and internationally known journalists to teenagers posting anti-war sentiments on social media.

Wall Street’s and Washington’s man in Kiev

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ev. He’s sold the country’s economic sovereignty to the International Monetary Fund. He also instituted brutal austerity measures that hit the poorest hardest, while vowing to sell off the country’s remaining public industries to Western investors. He’s appointed U.S. stooges and even U.S. citizens to high government positions. He oversaw a ban on communist ideology and the rehabilitation of World War II Nazi collaborators.

Under Poroshenko, the Pentagon is well on its way to taking full control of Ukraine’s military. The Sept. 16 Stars and Stripes just published an announced expansion of U.S. training for active-duty troops there. This follows a successful “pilot program” with the openly neo-Nazi Azov Battalion.

Notoriously racist and brutal U.S. agencies like the Texas Rangers and California Highway Patrol have been called in to set up new police forces in collaboration with local fascists in cities like Odessa and Kharkov. These cities are ruled by the Kiev regime but contain many opponents of Kiev.

Perhaps nothing sums up the Ukrainian president like this statement he made last year about children in the Donbass: “Our children will go to schools and kindergartens, while theirs will be holed up in basements!” (Video posted by Russia Insider, Nov. 14, 2014)

Yet, on Sept. 1, schools opened for a new year of classes in Donetsk and Lugansk, while Kiev was wracked by infighting among fascist factions. The people of Donbass stand defiant. We stand with them and declare: Poroshenko, Obama and John McCain: Guilty of war crimes in Ukraine! Shut down NATO and Kiev’s genocidal war machine!

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