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News Digest on Ukraine's developments during the month of December

December 20th

EU stands by 'family member' Ukraine

EU leaders have voiced strong support for the protesters in Ukraine, calling the former Soviet state part of the "European family". The EU summit chairman, Herman Van Rompuy, said the EU would sign a major association agreement with Ukraine "as soon as the country is ready". President Dalia Grybauskaitė of Lithuania, the country that has steered EU business for the past six months, said "Europe is open for Ukrainian people but not necessarily for this government - that's the message".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25467738>

Ukraine parliament passes amnesty bill

The Ukrainian parliament has approved a bill that grants amnesty to all the protesters detained during demonstrations in favor of Ukraine's integration with the European Union. The bill, which was passed by both opposition parties and deputies from the governing party on Thursday, needs to be signed and ratified by Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/12/20/340930/ukraine-parliament-passes-amnesty-bill/>

I.M.F. Criticizes Ukraine Plan for Economy

The International Monetary Fund issued on Thursday a scathing report on Ukraine's financial situation, saying that the government of President Viktor F. Yanukovich had largely abandoned much-needed economic reforms that it had agreed to undertake as part of a deal in 2010 that provided more than \$15 billion in loans.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/business/international/imf-releases-rebuke-of-ukraines-financial-strategy.html?hpw&rref=business&r=0>

Schulz: Door is still open for Ukraine

European Parliament President Martin Schulz has reaffirmed the EU's position that the door remains open to Ukraine after its decision to put on hold its EU association process last month in favour of closer relations with Russia. EU leaders are expected to discuss relations with Ukraine and Russia when their meeting resumes today (20 December).

<http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=31722>

Ukraine: the authorities need to seek a consensus, co-rapporteurs say

The co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of Ukraine of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) today stressed the need for the authorities to seek a broad consensus among all political forces in Ukrainian society on the future geo-political direction of the country and its further European integration.

<http://www.assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/News/News-View-EN.asp?newsid=4823&lang=2&cat=3>

December 19th

Opposition needs three signatures for no-confidence decision

Batkivshchyna faction leader Arseniy Yatseniuk announced that the opposition needs three signatures for the vote of no confidence to proceed against the Cabinet of Ministers. "We are collecting signatures under a vote of no confidence regarding the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. We need to get three more signatures to gain a total number of 226 MPs in order to fire Azarov's government," he exclaimed.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/opposition-needs-three-signatures-for-no-confidence-decision-333972.html>

Monitoring co-rapporteurs to visit Ukraine

The co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of Ukraine by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD), are to visit the country from 19-20 December to familiarise themselves with current developments. In Kyiv, they are due to meet, among others, the President, Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada, and the Foreign and Interior Ministers, as well as the leaders of the Party of Regions, Batkivshchyna, UDAR and Svoboda parties.

<http://www.assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/News/News-View-EN.asp?newsid=4811&lang=2&cat=3>

Europe refuses to wrestle over Ukraine

The European Union will not compete with Russia over Ukraine, according to Lithuania's Foreign Minister, Linas Linkevičius. Lithuania currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. "There won't be any struggle for Ukraine," he said in an interview with UNIAN news agency, while commenting on the recent agreements between Russia and Ukraine.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/europe-refuses-to-wrestle-over-ukraine-333973.html>

Ukraine stood to gain 19 billion euros from EU pact

Ukraine could have been in line to receive at least 19 billion euros (\$26 billion) in European Union loans and grants over the next seven years if it had signed a trade and cooperation agreement with the bloc, according to internal EU estimates.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/18/ukraine-eu-idUSL6N0JX4H020131218>

EU leaders face moment of reflection over Ukraine debacle

European leaders face a session of soul-searching and strategy planning over Ukraine at their year-end summit on Friday when they will discuss why Kiev rejected an EU free trade deal and took a bailout from Russia instead. As well as weighing Ukraine's decision to turn away and what Europe might have done to prevent it, leaders will debate the message they want to send to swathes of Ukrainians now protesting against President Viktor Yanukovich's move.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/19/us-eu-ukraine-idUSBRE9B10S420131219>

Yanukovych tells West to keep out of Ukraine crisis

Ukraine's Russian-backed President, Viktor Yanukovych, has said he strongly opposes Western politicians intervening in the crisis in Ukraine. He also suggested that Ukraine could adopt parts of Russia's recently founded Customs Union with other former Soviet republics.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25423808#TWEET989645>

December 18th

Ukraine's opposition denounce Russian bailout, say will block in parliament

Ukraine's opposition leaders on Tuesday denounced a \$15 billion bailout package from Russia and an offer of cheaper gas as a sell-out of the national interest by President Viktor Yanukovich, vowing to block its passage through parliament. Within two hours of the deal being announced in Moscow, the three opposition leaders urged crowds on Kiev's Independence Square to keep rallying against Yanukovich's U-turn in policy away from the European Union towards Russia.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/17/us-ukraine-klitschko-idUSBRE9BG10M20131217>

Ukraine opposition demands Russia agreement details

Opposition leaders in Ukraine have demanded to know what President Viktor Yanukovich has offered Russia in return for a major economic lifeline. Opposition leader Vitali Klitschko told pro-EU protesters in Kiev Mr Yanukovich was betraying Ukraine's independence. "He has given up Ukraine's national interests, given up independence," Mr Klitschko, a former boxing champion, told the crowd on Tuesday.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25426305>

McCain accuses Moscow of blocking Ukraine's EU path

U.S. Senator John McCain says Russia is trying to keep Ukraine from joining the European Union. The influential senator was referring to a deal announced on December 17 after a meeting in Moscow between Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart, Viktor Yanukovich, under which Russia has promised Ukraine \$15 billion in loans and cheaper natural gas. "I think the Russians are trying to keep Ukraine from joining the EU. One of the leaders of the coalition [Batkivshchyna (Fatherland) opposition party leader Arseniy] Yatsenyuk said, 'Free cheese is only found in a mousetrap,' and I think that he's right there," McCain said.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/ukraine-russia-mccain-/25204236.html>

Merkel says EU offer to Ukraine still 'on table'

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said today she "regretted" Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich's snub of an accord with the European Union for closer ties but said the offer still stood. "I regret the decision of president Yanukovich not to sign the sweeping association and free trade agreement with the EU, at any rate not to sign it at present," Merkel told parliament, a day before an EU summit.

<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/world/article/merkel-says-eu-offer-to-ukraine-still-on-table>

Ukraine bankrupt without 'historic' Moscow deal: PM

Ukraine's prime minister on Wednesday defended a deal with the Kremlin that the opposition decried as a sellout to Russia, saying that Kiev had avoided bankruptcy and social collapse thanks to the "historic" bailout. Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said the agreement clinched between President Viktor Yanukovich and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Tuesday was the only way to rescue the economy after five consecutive quarters of negative growth.

<http://www.sknvibes.com/news/newsdetails.cfm/82907>

Germany brings Ukraine relations to EU summit table

Germany's new Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier yesterday (17 December) criticised both Russia and the EU in their tug of war regarding Ukraine. In his inaugural speech, Steinmeier said it was "utterly scandalous" how Russia used Ukraine's economic plight for its own ends, and in order to prevent the signing of the association agreement (AA) with the EU. "Of course, the violent behaviour of the Ukrainian security forces towards peaceful demonstrators was also scandalous," he added. According to diplomats, Chancellor Angela Merkel will bring the Ukraine issue up at the EU summit table later this week. EU leaders are meeting in Brussels on 19-20 December for a summit officially dedicated to defence and economic issues.

http://www.euractiv.com/global-europe/germany-bring-ukraine-issue-sum-532434?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=EurActivRSS

December 17th

Decisive Tuesday in Ukraine as opposition calls for another large rally in Kyiv
Tens of thousands of demonstrators are maintaining a stubborn presence in Kyiv's Independence Square as the EU says it is halting work on a landmark trade and political pact with Ukraine. The country's opposition has called for another large rally on Tuesday after a weekend that saw hundreds of thousands take to the streets to pressure Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich to mend ties with Brussels.

<http://www.euronews.com/2013/12/16/decisive-tuesday-in-ukraine-as-opposition-calls-for-another-large-rally-in-kyiv/>

Russia Promises Ukraine Cheaper Gas, \$15 Billion Loan

Russia has promised to reduce the price of natural gas exports to Ukraine by a third and lend it \$15 billion, as pro-European Union demonstrations continue in the capital Kiev and other Ukrainian cities. The Russian aid was announced Tuesday following a meeting in Moscow between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/russia-promises-ukraine-cheaper-gas-15-billion-loan/1811836.html>

AntiMaidan activists claim they were forced to rally for Yanukovich, cheated out of money
Two special trains were sent from Zaporizhzhia city to Kyiv on Dec. 13 and 14 carrying people for week-end rallies in support of President Viktor Yanukovich, known as the AntiMaidan to counter the EuroMaidan demonstrations under way since Nov. 21 to dislodge the government.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/antimaidan-activists-claim-they-were-forced-to-rally-for-yanukovich-cheated-out-of-money-333805.html>

December 11th

Ukraine police pull back after overnight clash

Interventions by Western diplomats, led by Baroness Ashton, the EU representative, and Victoria Nuland, the assistant secretary at the State Department, appeared to have defused the emerging confrontation. Protesters claimed victory after an overnight face-off in which authorities removed some barricades and tents and scuffled with demonstrators occupying Kiev's main square.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10510306/Ukraine-police-pull-back-after-overnight-clash.html>

Kerry Expresses 'Disgust' With Ukrainian Crackdown

After Ukrainian police stormed a protest camp in central Kiev, Secretary of State John Kerry expressed "disgust" with the decision. "The United States expresses its disgust with the decision of Ukrainian authorities to meet the peaceful protest in Kyiv's Maidan Square with riot police, bulldozers, and batons, rather than with respect for democratic rights and human dignity. This

response is neither acceptable nor does it befit a democracy,” Kerry said in a statement late Tuesday.

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2013/12/kerry-expresses-disgust-with-ukrainian-crackdown/>

Ashton Witnesses Kiev Clashes, Impressed by Ukrainians' Firmness

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who witnessed a night of scuffles in Kiev as police tried to dislodge protesters, said she has been impressed by the protesters' determination. "I was among you on Maidan [Independence Square] in the evening and was impressed by determination of Ukrainians demonstrating for European perspective of the country," she said in a statement posted on Facebook. "Some hours later I observe with sadness that police uses force to remove peaceful people from the centre of Kiev. The authorities didn't need to act under the coverage of night to engage with the society by using police."

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/156328/Ashton+Witnesses+Kiev+Clashes%2C+Impressed+by+Ukrainians%27+Firmness>

Canadian Prime Minister Harper: Ukraine's police actions are undemocratic and excessive

Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a statement condemning last night's police attack as "undemocratic and excessive." Below is his statement. "Canada is deeply concerned with last night's developments in Ukraine. The decision by Ukrainian authorities to use riot police against peaceful protests in Kyiv's Maidan Square is undemocratic and excessive. It is particularly troubling as it follows on the police violence against peaceful protestors, mostly students, only days ago."

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/world/canadian-prime-minister-harper-ukraines-police-actions-are-undemocratic-and-excessive-333446.html>

Nuland: Yanukovich must bring justice and human dignity to Ukraine

After more than two hours in talks with President Viktor Yanukovich, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland said there is still a way to resolve the escalating political crisis in Ukraine. Addressing journalists outside the presidential headquarters following the meeting, Nuland said, "I hope the people of Ukraine know that the U.S. stands with you in your search for justice, for human dignity and security for economic health, and the European future that you have chosen and deserve."

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/politics/nuland-yanukovich-must-bring-justice-and-human-dignity-to-ukraine-333443.html>

Ukraine: concern about violent escalation of the crisis

The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), meeting in Paris today, calls on all sides in Ukraine to refrain from any acts of violence and intimidation which will further undermine the stability of the country, including its democratic process. As a member State of the Council of Europe, sharing the values upheld by the organisation, Ukraine should fully respect European standards on freedom of assembly, expression and association.

<http://www.assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/News/News-View-EN.asp?newsid=4801>

EU Parliament backs Ukraine protesters

Most of the speakers in the European parliament's Ukraine debate called for solidarity with the pro-European demonstrators. After the debate was over, Ukrainian security forces began removing the protesters from Maidan Square, but the parliamentarians were still hoping for a peaceful solution - and they had severe criticism of Russia.

<http://www.dw.de/eu-parliament-backs-ukraine-protesters/a-17286792>

Decemeber 10th

Riot police storm opposition offices in Ukraine

Heavily armed riot troops broke into the offices of a top Ukrainian opposition party in Kiev and seized its servers Monday, the party said, as anti-government protests crippled the capital for yet another day. Elsewhere police dismantled or blocked off several small protest tent camps that near key national government buildings in the city. Tensions also rose as a double cordon of helmeted, shield-holding police deployed in the street near Kiev's city administration building, which demonstrators had occupied and turned into a makeshift command post and dormitory.

<http://www.chron.com/news/world/article/Riot-police-storm-opposition-offices-in-Ukraine-5047586.php>

U.S. deeply concerned about violence in Ukraine, urges dialogue

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden expressed "deep concern" about the potential for violence in Ukraine during a phone call with President Viktor Yanukovich on Monday and urged dialogue with opposition leaders to de-escalate the situation, the White House said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/09/us-ukraine-yanukovich-biden-idUSBRE9B811120131209>

Catherine Ashton calls on Ukrainian government to show 'utmost restraint'

Catherine Ashton, the EU foreign policy chief, has warned the Ukrainian authorities against use of force after police reportedly raided the offices of the country's main opposition party less than 24 hours before she is due to arrive in Kiev in an effort to broker negotiations.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10507328/Catherine-Ashton-calls-on-Ukrainian-government-to-show-utmost-restraint.html>

Ukraine president meets with predecessors, Western Envoys

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich met Tuesday with his predecessors Viktor Yushchenko, Leonid Kuchma, and Leonid Kravchuk as part of national roundtable discussions. He is also set to meet with EU official Catherine Ashton while she is in Ukraine for a two-day visit. Meanwhile U.S. assistant secretary of state Victoria Nuland met with three top opposition leaders and was scheduled to meet with Yanukovich later Tuesday.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/ukraine-president-meets-with-predecessors-western-envoys/1807120.html>

Ukraine crisis: Western diplomats bid to end stand-off

US Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland met leading opposition politicians and was due to have talks with President Viktor Yanukovich. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton is also due in the city.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25311018>

Ukraine's president will seek release of some arrested protesters

Ukraine's president says he will ask the country's general prosecutor to find a way to release some of the demonstrators who were arrested in recent protests, in a bid to defuse the country's tensions.

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/world/ukraine-s-president-will-seek-release-of-some-arrested-protesters-1.1582518#ixzz2n4sMrDqi>

December 6th

Ukraine, Russia presidents meet; protests persist

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich met with his Russian counterpart Friday to discuss closer cooperation while protests clung to the capital over Ukraine's decision to scrap a deal with the EU. Yanukovich met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Russian city of Sochi on his way back from a state visit to China. Yanukovich's office said the talks were about trade and economic cooperation and preparations for signing a partnership agreement.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/ukraine-opposition-conditionally-ready-for-talks/2013/12/06/8f0a8980-5e78-11e3-8d24-31c016b976b2_story.html

American Official Tells Ukraine's Protest Leaders to Find Peaceful End to Crisis

A senior American official on Thursday urged all sides in the Ukrainian crisis to work together to find a solution that would "meet the aspirations of its people" but to do so through peaceful and lawful means.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/06/world/europe/ukraine-protests.html?ref=europe&_r=0

Ukraine Officials Fail to Show to Sign Gas Import Deal

Ukrainian officials failed to turn up to sign a deal Wednesday that could open a natural gas supply route via Slovakia, according to several people familiar with the situation, raising concerns that Kiev was walking away from an agreement the European Union spent months brokering.

<http://stream.wsj.com/story/latest-headlines/SS-2-63399/SS-2-398526/>

EuroMaidan activists: Nine people missing

As of December 6th, nine participants of EuroMaidan protests that are entering their third week in Kyiv have been missing, according to the EuroMaidan SOS community of Ukrainian students and activists operating in Ukraine's capital. Seven people have been located, two new names have appeared on the list since December 5th.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/euromaidan-activists-14-people-missing-list-333084.html>

December 5th

OSCE meeting opens in Kiev, gripped by massive protests

Several thousand activists kept up the demonstrations at a central square in the capital Kiev and besieged government meetings as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's ministerial council began its meeting on the other side of the river. The meeting had been scheduled long before the protests that have been dominating the country.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7e255b2f476c4aedb6d836c162639525/EU--Ukraine>

Sandwiches and Sleeping Bags: Inside Ukraine's Opposition HQ

Protesters have seized whole streets of the capital, recruiting their own doctors and security guards. Since it was seized from the authorities three days ago, the City Council on the central Kreshchatyk Street has become a revolving-door opposition dormitory-cum-headquarters.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/12/sandwiches-and-sleeping-bags-inside-ukraines-opposition-hq/282030/>

Azarov Threatens Western Ukraine with Budget Cuts over Protests

Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov has warned that administrations in the pro-European western parts of the country may end up being cut off from state budget.

http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=156130#sthash.6pkzg8LX.dpuf

German minister snubs Ukraine leaders on Kiev visit

Germany's foreign minister met Ukrainian opposition leaders at their protest camp in Kiev on Wednesday, in a snub to President Viktor Yanukovich, who triggered mass street demonstrations by spurning a pact with the EU and seeking closer ties with Moscow.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/04/ukraine-idINL5N0JJ1T320131204>

Three post-Soviet Ukrainian presidents support protests

Ukraine's three post-Soviet former presidents have voiced their support for the mass protests raging in Kiev against the government's decision to reject a historic pact with Europe.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10495003/Three-post-Soviet-Ukrainian-presidents-support-protests.html>

Kyiv's Maidan protesters in it for the duration

Despite the wintry weather, the demonstrators on the Maidan, or Independence Square, in central Kyiv are not going anywhere. Thousands of Ukrainians are sticking it out in the wind and the cold, staying overnight and singing songs while warming themselves at fires burning in steel barrels.

<http://www.dw.de/kyivs-maidan-protesters-in-it-for-the-duration/a-17271845>

December 4th

Lutsenko urges EU to urgently send mission to prevent political collapse in Ukraine

Former Interior Minister of Ukraine Yuriy Lutsenko has said that the European Union has to send a mission to Ukraine as soon as possible in order to prevent a political collapse in the country.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/lutsenko-urges-eu-to-urgently-send-mission-to-prevent-political-collapse-in-ukraine-333030.html>

Court arrests nine suspects in riots near presidential administration for two months

Kyiv's Shevchenkivsky District Court has decided to detain for two months all nine young people who are suspected of organizing mass riots on Bankova Street near the presidential administration on December 1st.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/court-arrests-nine-suspects-in-riots-near-presidential-administration-for-two-months-332990.html>

Protesters bring new order to Kyiv city hall

The porch of Kyiv City Hall looks very strange indeed. Typically empty and guarded by bored uniformed security officers, it's a buzzing hive of activity now, after it was taken over by anti-government protesters on December 1st, along with the Trade Union House on Maidan Nezalezhnosti.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/kyiv/protesters-bring-order-to-kyiv-city-hall-333010.html>

Ukrainian opposition to blockade parliamentary platform until government dismissed, Tymoshenko freed

The Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada's podium will remain blockaded until the opposition's demands are met, Batkivschyna Party's parliamentary faction leader Arseniy Yatseniuk said.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/politics/ukrainian-opposition-to-blockade-parliamentary-platform-until-govt-dismissed-tymoshenko-freed-333003.html>

Ukrainian authorities warn protesters they will be treated as criminals

The Ukrainian prime minister has warned protesters they are committing a criminal offence if they block or occupy official buildings.

<http://www.euronews.com/2013/12/04/ukrainian-authorities-warn-protesters-they-will-be-treated-as-criminals/>

Kwaśniewski forecasts situation in Ukraine to be solved in coming 48 hours

Participant of special monitoring mission and former president of Poland Aleksander Kwaśniewski forecasts that the current situation in Ukraine will be solved in coming 48 hours.

<http://www.unian.info/news/609465-kwa347niewski-forecast-situation-in-ukraine-to-be-solved-in-coming-48-hours.html>

OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Kyiv to help settle situation

A meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which is to be held in Kyiv on December 5-6, may contribute to the peaceful settlement of the situation in Ukraine.

<http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/en/148/549466/>

December, 3rd

Kyiv Protesters Gather at Parliament

Ukraine's parliament on Tuesday opened a high-tension session in which the opposition aims to put forward a vote of no-confidence in the government in the wake of both the president's shelving an agreement with the European Union and police violence against demonstrators protesting that decision.

<http://world.time.com/2013/12/03/kyiv-protesters-shout-revolution-at-parliament/>

Yulia Tymoshenko continues hunger strike in solidarity with EuroMaidan

Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko remains on a hunger strike in solidarity with those protesting against the government's suspension of Ukraine's European integration, according to the official web site of Yulia Tymoshenko.

<http://www.unian.info/news/609175-yulia-tymoshenko-continues-hunger-strike-in-solidarity-with-euromaidan.html>

Parliament fails to fire the government

Ukraine's Parliament has failed to pass the vote of no-confidence in the government of Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov. Just 186 deputies voted for the draft resolution proposed by the opposition.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/parliament-fails-to-fire-the-government-332938.html>

Klitschko calls on Euromaidan participants not to give up, vows not to leave them

UDAR Party leader Vitaliy Klitschko has called on the participants of the Euromaidan rally on Independence Square in Kyiv not to give up the protest. "I am appealing to each of you – don't give up. If we give up, we won't achieve anything," he said on Independence Square in Kyiv on Tuesday.

<http://www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/klitschko-calls-on-euromaidan-participants-not-to-give-up-vows-not-to-leave-them-332947.html>