

# Ukraine considers amnesty for protesters

Ukraine's parliament is considering measures to grant amnesty to those arrested during weeks of protests in the crisis-torn country, but possibly with conditions attached that would be unacceptable to the opposition



**Nov 21, 2013:** President **Viktor Yanukovich** decides to back out of trade deal with European Union in favour of closer ties with Moscow

**Nov 30:** Police launch violent crackdown in Kiev, detaining dozens of anti-government protesters

**Dec 17:** Russia agrees to buy \$15 billion of Ukrainian bonds and cut price of natural gas to Ukraine

**Jan 22, 2014:** Two protesters die from gunshot wounds during clashes with police in Kiev. Protests spread to cities across Ukraine

**Jan 25:** Opposition leaders reject president's offer of top government jobs, including post of prime minister

**Jan 28:** Parliament scraps controversial anti-protest law. Prime Minister **Mykola Azarov** resigns, along with his cabinet

**Jan 29:** Parliament debates amnesty for jailed demonstrators. President wants any amnesty to be conditional on protesters leaving streets and official buildings – proposal unacceptable to opposition

- Buildings controlled by protesters
- Area controlled by protesters
- Area controlled by police

