## **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 Yanukovych 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
- Buildings controlled by protesters
  - Area controlled by protesters

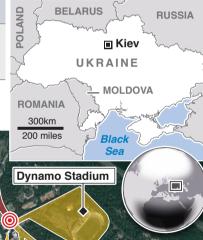
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Convention Centre

Trade Union Building

■ 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



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