

# Militants, troops face off in eastern Ukraine

Ukraine's military and pro-Russian separatists remain locked in an uneasy standoff in the east of the country, amid increasing fears of an invasion by thousands of Russian troops deployed along the border



**Donetsk:** Pro-Russia gunmen have reportedly taken control of mayor's office. Activists occupying regional government building – headquarters of self-declared "Donetsk Republic" – and planning referendum on region's status

**Kramatorsk:** Ukrainian forces recaptured airfield on Tuesday after battle with separatists. Troops attempting to re-establish control over city but progress hampered by pro-Russian civilians

**Sloviansk:** Column of armoured vehicles flying Russian flags seen driving into city – six vehicles may have been taken from Kramatorsk by defecting Ukrainian soldiers

