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an Election Commissioner of  
the Republic of Crimea:

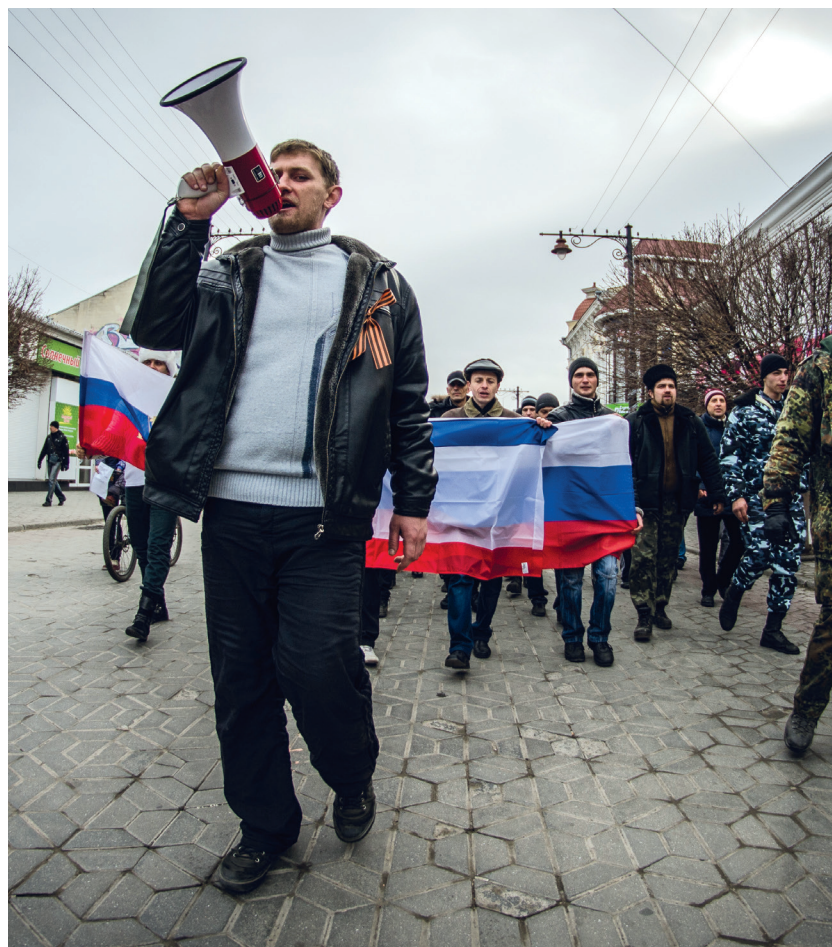
"The thing I remember the most - is the long queues at the polling stations on the day of the referendum - March 16, 2016. That day I visited 16 polls in Simferopol and Simferopol district. There have never been such crowds! All passages of our foes and the so-called "experts" that the protocols of the March referendum do not reflect the reality are heresy! The events in Kyiv proved to be the best agitation and motivation to vote! The fate of the Peninsula and each of its dwellers was at stake then. I remember the general feeling and the mood we worked with. A shared sense of purpose motivated and united us. We had shared goals which we completed without thinking about the consequences and oncoming sanctions. Each of us was eager to execute his piece of work with reasonable care and skill..

**LARISA MISYURA,**  
a resident of the Babenkovo settlement,  
Kirovsky district, the Republic of Crimea:

"Of course, we are all glad that Crimea has finally reunited with Russia! Things are much better now compared to the Ukrainian times. Roads are being built; kindergartens and schools are being repaired. Of course, this is a significant advantage. We were all worried about Russia! I was even a member of the election commission at the referendum. Some people cried of happiness, others simply radiated joy and even sang songs. Festive atmosphere prevailed everywhere. Music sounded during the referendum for the first time..

**ELENA NADEL,**  
a Yalta Council Deputy:

"I was a part of the Crimean spring events being pregnant with my third child, but this fact did not keep me from delivering goods and provender to Perekop for the guys from our militia. And I do not take it like a buster. That time many people acted so. I remember public sentiment then; the call of duty and love for our Homeland made people light up! Actually, there are many heroes of these events in Crimea, but I cannot help mentioning our leaders - Sergei Aksyonov and Vladimir Konstantinov, who managed to inspire Crimeans and set them the example of courage and responsibility that perhaps someone was lacking at that crucial moment..



# FIVE YEARS OF VICTORIES

Education expenditures amounted to about

**32** billion **250** million roubles

and safety net expenditures – more than

**23** billion **700** million roubles

44 regional projects covering almost all spheres – from creation of comfortable urban and protection of natural environment to business support and digital transformation have been approved.

**80 BILLION ROUBLES**

are planned to lash out on the implementation of the projects.

The overall level of State support for the five-year period exceeded

**200** **9** billion million roubles

Industry contribution to the GRP is

more than **13%**

More than **1** billion

**800** million roubles

have been allocated for sponsorship of small and medium-sized businesses.

Acres of fruit and berry plantations have increased by

**2600**

and that of vineyards – by

**2500**

hectares.

Gross collection of fruits and berries last year exceeded

**140**

thousand tons.

This is almost a quarter higher than five years ago.

Reservoir storages of the region were supplied with more than

**173** million

cubic meters of water.

**28**

new health resorts and hotel organizations,

**26** tourist infrastructure facilities have been opened, and

properties have been re-designed. More than fifty tourist trials have been started or established.

**173**

**722**

multi-dwelling units and

**245**

dormitory accommodations have been rebuilt

There are the Crimean Guarantee Fund as well as special funds for maintenance and microfinancing business activity. Over the five years, more than 1,200 businessmen have got financial aid from these funds for at overall amount of 3, 5 billion roubles, which resulted in providing employment opportunities for

**2400** individuals.

From 2014 to 2016, more than

**4 BILLION ROUBLES**

were allocated for the implementation of the republic's Health Service Upgrade Program.

For five years, the State Immovable Property Cadastre has registered more than

**900**<sup>1 million</sup>  
thousand

titles in property and restrictions on real estate transactions and accepted more than

**7** million  
applications for providing state services.

More than **300** ethnocultural events are held annually in Crimea.

For five years, over **500** families from among families of rehabilitees have been provided with their own housing.

For the five-year period, the republic has made a breakthrough in the development of sports infrastructure. More than

**250**  
playgrounds

have been put into operation on the territory of the peninsula, and they are available in all municipal structures.

Crude death-rate decreased by

**7.5%**

At that, infant mortality rate dropped dramatically by almost

**40%**

The tuberculosis and cardiovascular mortality indices decreased by

**35%** and **32%** respectively

The Crimean magazine

**3**  
million  
**800**  
thousand

new textbooks have been purchased.

123 educational literature items on the history of Crimea have been published in the Crimean Tatar and Ukrainian languages with a total circulation of 297 thousand copies.

Crimea is the only constituent entity of the Russian Federation where the law "On the Organization and Provision of Recreation for Children and Their Recovery" has been adopted. Over the five years,

**2**  
billion  
**300**  
million roubles

were allocated for these purposes, which made it possible to organize recreation, rehabilitation and leisure for more than

**70%**  
of Crimean children.

The construction of

**10**

pre-school educational institutions was completed. Six of them have been put into operation.

**30**

modular kindergartens have been purchased.

For five years, the Anti-Corruption Committee of the Council of Ministers has mounted more than

**500**

monitoring activities. As a result,

**69** public officials, including high-ranking ones, were dismissed from their posts.

Based on the materials of the Committee,

**56**  
criminal proceedings

have been instituted against the officials, including two Vice-Prime-Ministers.

The former Heads of Administrations of

**KRASNOPEREKOPSK,  
KERCH AND FEODOSIYA,**

who were detained for bribery, have been convicted.

# THE THINGS THAT THROW A SCARE INTO THE CRIMEANS: TOP UKRAINIAN “HORROR STORIES” FOR THE PENINSULA

Text: Oleg Stepanov

The leaders of “Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People”\* which is prohibited in Russia **announced their intention to march from the Chongar border checkpoint of the Kherson region through the state border of the Russian Federation to the Russian peninsula territory.** The demarche is planned for May 3. Apparently it takes aim to quell the attempt of the world leaders to take part in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Great Victory in Moscow.

This is hardly the first horror story that the people from the other side of the Perekop Isthmus try to scare Crimeans with. Starting from 2014, even before Russia extended jurisdiction over the peninsula, the hotheads among the opponents of the Russian Crimea from time to time threaten the residents of the region as a punishment for their historical choice. The Crimean magazine presents a collection of the most resonant Ukrainian ‘bogeyman stories’ for the dwellers of the Russian peninsula

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\*on extremist organization banned in the Russian Federation