

# *Ukraine, Pro-Russian Separatists Clash on Eve of Talks*

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Kiev, April 16 (RHC)-- Ukraine and pro-Russian separatists are staging rival shows of force amid a growing risk of violent escalation.

Ukrainian soldiers moved in to re-take government buildings from the separatists on Tuesday, sparking at least one clash in a provincial airfield. Meanwhile, separatists in the town of Kramatorsk seized armored personnel carriers and a tank from the Ukraine army.

Ukraine and Russia will be joined by the United States and the European Union for talks beginning Thursday in Geneva. It is the first time Russia and Ukraine's foreign ministers will meet face to face since the crisis began.

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