

# *U.S. to Host Ukrainian Prime Minister Ahead of Crimea Secession Vote*

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Washington, March 11 (RHC)-- Tens of thousands took part in rival pro-unity and pro-Russian rallies in Ukraine ahead of a planned secession referendum in Crimea.

Crimea is set to vote this coming Sunday on whether to break off from Ukraine and join Russia following the ouster of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych last month.

In a show of support for the new government, the White House has announced President Obama will host newly installed Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk at the White House this week.

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