

# Two Senior Police Officers Shot in Eastern Ukraine's Horlivka

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Two senior police officers were shot on Tuesday in the eastern Ukrainian city of Horlivka, Ukrainian news reports said, weeks after the men refused to pledge their allegiance to separatist authorities in the region.

Dmitro Krikunov, head of the Kalininsky district's police unit, and Roman Babyuk, head of the criminal investigation unit, died as a result of gunshot wounds, Ukrainian website [crime.in.ua](http://crime.in.ua) reported Tuesday, citing a spokesman for the Donetsk self-proclaimed authorities.

The two men were among 13 law enforcement officials who refused to comply with a 48-hour ultimatum issued by the region's self-proclaimed authorities on May 13 to pledge their loyalty to the Donetsk People's Republic, local news website [Gorlovka.ua](http://Gorlovka.ua) said.

It is unconfirmed whether the expired ultimatum and the men's death are related.

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