

Implementation of Ukraine Ceasefire Deal to Drag Into 2016

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A separatist stands guard in front of a house damaged during fighting between rebels and Ukrainian government forces near Donetsk Sergey Prokofiev International Airport, eastern Ukraine.

MOSCOW — The implementation of the cease-fire accords, aimed to resolve the Ukraine crisis and known as the Minsk 2 agreements, will drag into 2016, RIA Novosti news agency reported on Thursday, citing Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin as saying.

"It is already clear that they (the Minsk agreements) are being extended," Karasin told RIA. The Minsk 2 agreements were reached in the Belarussian capital in February after the collapse of a cease-fire agreed earlier.

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