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## ANALYSIS: US Refuses to Consider Kiev's Responsibility for Atrocities Against Civilians

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It isn't too surprising that the US refuses to even look into the fact that the government in Kiev is responsible for committing atrocities against civilians in eastern Ukraine, said Michael Hughes, a Washington D.C.-based journalist and foreign policy analyst.

“The administration and State Department continue to redefine reality on the ground to justify their actions in installing a fascist-dominated regime,” Hughes told RIA Novosti Monday.

“In addition, they are adhering to the narrative that Russia is behind all of the instability in order to implement counterproductive sanctions against key Russian officials,” he asserted.

Despite the calls of the new Ukrainian president for a ceasefire, the Ukrainian army continues to shell the cities in Eastern Ukraine.

Kiev authorities have been conducting this special military operation in the Eastern Ukraine to suppress the pro-independence movement since mid-April. The violence intensified after the Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics declared independence from Ukraine in May. Hundreds have died in both regions over the past months.

The new round of violence in Eastern Ukraine is in contradiction with Petro Poroshenko's

promise to end violence, says American journalist in France, Diana Johnstone.

“Obviously, ongoing military assaults on Slaviansk are in total contradiction with Mr Poroshenko’s promise to end violence,” Johnstone told RIA Novosti in response to reports of Ukrainian army shelling resuming in Slaviansk.

“The die has been cast and Russophobes in Washington have won out, yet again, and are steering American policy. So we can expect the government and American media to downplay the mess we've made all because we chose to interfere in a region in which we have no legitimate interests," Hughes concluded.