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Ukraine President: More Autonomy if Rebels End War

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The eastern Ukrainian ceasefire continues to hold, nearly a week in, and President Petro Poroshenko is now promising to make good on proposals for increased autonomy for the eastern region if the rebels agree to an end to the rebellion.

The rebels appear divided on whether or not to trust this offer, and some are still pushing to secede outright. Though dubbed “secessionist” rebels, many only wanted increased autonomy in the first place, and it is unlikely that enough will continue to push for secession to keep the war going.

The clearest sign that Ukraine is moving toward the end of the war is the change in their fanciful narrative about the “thousands” of Russian troops milling about the rebel east, which they continue to insist are at every battle but mysteriously have never been photographed or even seen by media outlets.

Poroshenko now insists the Russian troops are leaving as mysteriously and as invisibly as they arrived. Their departure, as with their arrival and literally everything else they supposedly did, could not be confirmed.