

# Senior U.S. Diplomat Says Action Against Russia 'Starting to Bite'

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Measures taken against Russia after its annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region are already "starting to bite," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland said Wednesday.

Speaking at a security conference in Bratislava, Nuland said it was important that people in the eastern Ukrainian cities of Donetsk and Luhansk had a chance to cast ballots in a coming presidential vote.

"What is most important is that people of Donetsk and Luhansk get a chance to vote on May 25 and we will see what they have to say," she said.

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