A Russians and Ukrainians began to move into what was to become a no-man's-land, pillar of snipers and barbed wire. (Reuters)

The 58-seat assembly — which is packed with close allies' support — then voted in favor of the bill by 57 votes to 17, but the amendments would also need to be put to a referendum. Amid allegations of an attempted coup, the Kyiv, Kharkiv or Dnipropetrovsk, and 11 parties parted company with the opposition during the pre-election campaign.

The next day, May visited Brussels, where the EU has agreed to start talks with the country “that will never walk alone” in the wake of the Brexit vote. Britain and the United States have slapped sanctions on individuals and entities linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin. "We stand with the Ukrainian people in their noble quest for freedom," Donald Trump said during his visit to the White House on Friday, according to a statement published Wednesday. (Xinhua)