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The situation in eastern Ukraine is becoming increasingly erratic, fuelling an atmosphere of instability. As CCTV's Stephanie Freid reports, war-related crimes and militia infighting are on the rise and citizens who called for independence now fear those fighting for it.

Carnage. Crime. Chaos. As fighting rages between Ukraine military and armed militia seeking independence from Kiev's central government, a sense of lawlessness is increasing

Local militia looted this airport supermarket earlier in the week prompting the Donetsk self appointed leaders to clear the administration of pro-independence militia camped here since March. In their stead: heavily armed, Russian and Chechen members of the Vostok Battalion

"This is an administrative building and it will remain an administrative building. It is not a headquarters for the revolution." Alexander Borodai, Prime Minister of Donetsk People's Republic said.

But a day later, suspected looters were back. As seen here, they do not take kindly to witnesses.

A nightly curfew is meant to keep residents safe within their homes. But even during daylight hours, shop owners afraid of looting have boarded up windows and locked their doors.

I tried to talk with local business owners in the city about whether they're feeling intimidated keeping their businesses open. They won't appear on camera. They're afraid that if they do, their places of business will end up like this.

The Donbass hockey arena in Donetsk was vandalized, looted and torched by pro-Russian rioters last week. It's tough to fathom why a hockey club would be targeted, but then again, chaos is often random.

The people of Eastern Ukraine are trying to maintain routine and a semblance of normalcy. But the self-appointed leaders are new to the game of leadership and a chain of command is murky.

As the conflict in the East wears on and militias increasingly rule the streets, it will take more than guns to maintain order here.