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A wounded Ukrainian fighter after clashes in Karlovka on Friday. Protest leaders say they will not permit the same backslide into the status quo that followed the 2004-5 revolution.

For protest leaders in Kiev, just a start

KIEV, UKRAINE

As election approaches, they vow to prevent backsliding to old era

BY DAVID M. HERSZENHORN

With Ukrainians headed to the polls on Sunday to replace their ousted president — the culmination of six months of protests and upheaval — Mustafa Nayyem, the young Afghan-Ukrainian journalist credited with setting off his country's Euro-revolution, was not the least bit cheerful, focused not on how much has changed here but how much remains to be done.

Standing in the 13th-floor hallway of the office tower where he works for the Ukrainian Pravda news site and Hromadske-TV, a new public station, Mr. Nayyem recalled a slate of laws adopted in January that curtailed free speech, setting off clashes and the first deaths of protesters. "The same guys are sitting in the same Parliament," he said, shaking his head. "What is that?"

As for the front-runner for president, the billionaire confectioner and veteran politician, Petro Poroshenko, Mr. Nayyem was similarly bleak. "For me, it's obvious that Poroshenko is part of the system that we rose up against," he said. Yet, as reluctant as Mr. Nayyem and other protest leaders are to declare any sort of victory, they are also adamant that Ukraine is now a different place — and they will not permit the same backslide into the status quo that ultimately followed the Orange Revolution of 2004-05. "When I say that we will never have the same system, it's not because everything changed and it's not magic," Mr. Nayyem said. "People will not accept it again."

According to voter surveys, Mr. Poroshenko is virtually certain to finish first in Sunday's voting, holding a wide lead over former Prime Minister Yulia V. Tymoshenko and Sergey Tigipko, a former economics minister.

But while Mr. Poroshenko has promised to lead Ukraine on the pro-European course that the ousted president, Viktor F. Yanukovich, abandoned in favor of closer ties with Russia, the dem- UKRAINE, PAGE 3



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High stakes and anger in south as Europe votes

ROME

Government stability and push for reforms are at risk in E.U. ballot

BY JIM YARDLEY

For weeks, the political insurgent Beppe Grillo has crisscrossed Italy in what might be called his vitriol tour. He has let loose zesty, bellowing insults against journalists, businessmen, Italian politicians and Angela Merkel, the German chancellor and avatar of European austerity. He has even taken a swipe at Duda, the fluffy white poodle that belongs to former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

"I come across as a guy who yells," Mr. Grillo admitted on a television talk show, "Porta a Porta." "It's true. I am angry and sometimes I exaggerate, but it's an anger that has united the dreams of 10 million Italians."

Or so he hopes. With voting for the European Parliament concluding on Sunday, the elections will provide the best indicator yet of the depth of disillusionment and anger in southern Europe. The belt of Mediterranean countries has borne the worst of the five-year economic crisis and churned with seething resentment and outright fury over the austerity policies imposed by the elites perceived as running Europe.

For months, media attention has primarily focused on far-right, euro-skeptic parties making gains in northern Europe, including the National Front in France and the U.K. Independence Party, which showed strongly in local elections Friday and now seems poised to shake up the politics of Britain.

Even so, the stakes are arguably higher in the south. Especially in Italy and Greece, poor showings by the governing parties could increase pressure for early national elections, and make it more difficult for the fragile coalition governments to carry through on political and economic reforms. This type of instability worries European leaders and could also rattle financial markets.

"We are exporting instability," a political commentator, Antonio Polito, wrote in a front-page editorial this week in Corriere della Sera, a national newspaper. "What is abnormal — because it does not happen elsewhere — is that such a result might blow up the entire, very fragile balance upon which acrobats like the government and Parliament are hanging on."

Europe's parliamentary elections are still a relative novelty, with a low turnout expected, which is why many analysts warn that voters might use the ELECTIONS, PAGE 3

Upstarts put Britain's old parties on the defensive

LONDON

Robust gains in local vote point to strong showing in European elections

BY STEVEN ERLANGER AND STEPHEN CASTLE

Voters in Britain sent a forceful message of discontent to established political parties as returns on Friday from local elections showed an even stronger following than expected for the anti-European Union, anti-immigration U.K. Independence Party.

The results had an immediate impact across the political spectrum, hurting the Labour Party as well as the ruling coalition partners, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats. And they are likely to increase the pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron to take an even harder line on reducing the powers of the European Union.

The local vote is expected to presage another strong showing for UKIP in the European parliamentary elections when the votes are counted late on Sun-



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UKIP has touched a nerve with Britons who believe their jobs are threatened.

day. Some opinion polls show the party gaining more votes than any of the other parties in the European voting, which took place on the same day here, Thursday, as the local balloting.

Coming on the heels of the strong showing in France's elections for the right-wing National Front party of Marine Le Pen, the returns provide a clear signal of the dissatisfaction of Europeans with their mainstream political parties as well as the political establishment in Brussels after six years of economic crisis, which is still being felt by many despite hints of recovery.

In Britain, the strong showing for UKIP not only will leave Mr. Cameron, the Conservative prime minister, further embattled, but also will embolden Labour Party critics of their leader, Ed Miliband, who has not convinced voters of his leadership capacity. BRITAIN, PAGE 3

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