

Hot news



Ukraine's Poroshenko hails 'start of Russia dialogue'

▣ **Ukrainian President-elect Petro Poroshenko has hailed a meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin as a start of dialogue over the east Ukraine crisis**



Mr. Poroshenko, who is to be inaugurated on Saturday, said he expected to be recognized soon by Moscow and that talks would start on Sunday.

Mr. Putin welcomed Kiev's approach, but said an immediate ceasefire was needed before negotiation began.

Separately US President Barack Obama spoke to Mr. Putin of the need to de-escalate the situation in eastern Ukraine.

D-Day: Francois Hollande's plea to fight threats to peace



- The French president was addressing world leaders and almost 2,000 veterans in Normandy on the 70th anniversary of the momentous World War Two mission.
- Mr Hollande said today's threats included terrorism, global warming and mass unemployment.
- The Queen said the day was filled with "sorrow and regret" as well as "pride".
- Earlier, the monarch laid a wreath at a military cemetery in Bayeux.

215th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Pushkin's celebrated in Russia and abroad



New plastic "rock" for thousands of years to preserve the memory of humanity

- ▣ Scientists have discovered a new material formed by plastic debris in the interaction with fragments of rock, sand and other objects of organic and inorganic origin

