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Canada's [House of Commons votes unanimously for free trade with Ukraine.](#)

The European Union has [extended sanctions against Russia](#) for its actions in Ukraine for another six months.

Dirty [Russian money buying influence in EU members](#) of the European Parliament.

[Italy blocks EU from widening, lengthening sanctions on Russia.](#)

"When Ukraine fought the torturers

Giving life and death for its right to live,

Asking only for compassion,

Europe stayed silent." Oleksandr Oles (1931). [A "once-upon-a-time" fable about Ukraine, Putín and Europe.](#)

Estonia [is the first European country to deny entry](#)

Left: A Dutch court has ruled that a priceless collection of gold artifacts from Crimea that were on loan to a Dutch museum when Russia occupied the peninsula [must be returned to Ukraine](#). Right: Saint Mykolay making a comeback at Christmas.



[visas to Russians who have abused human rights.](#)
Will Europe follow this courageous stand?

Germany's [Siemens Company accused of scam to bypass Crimean sanctions.](#)

2016 Global Corruption Barometer survey from Transparency International showed that 29% of [Ukrainians are ready to not pay bribes in order to stop corruption.](#)

Chairman of [Transparency International José Ugaz is convinced that if Ukraine does not bring former president Yanukovych to justice, then the corruption will win](#) and remove all the positive achievements made by Ukrainians in recent years.

Russia's [Patriarch Kiril declares war in Syria is just, defensive and holy.](#)

[StopFakeNews #113.](#) Among the disinformation debunked this week: unhappy with Ukraine, Washington looks to replace President Poroshenko; Ukrainian army tank crushes civilian car with three passengers; Ukraine's Foreign Ministry accuses the EU of betrayal.

Industrial parks falling into same trap?

EU report: Ukraine carrying out unprecedented reforms

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Anne Applebaum: [Russia 'wants to change the rules'.](#)

[Debates about Putin now recall those about Hitler in mid-1930s.](#) Ikhlov.

["Industrial Parks"](#): falling into the same trap once again?

'Bloodiest battle in 5 months': Ukrainians repel 3 militant attacks

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Dec 19. '[Bloodiest battle in 5 months](#)': Ukrainian troops repel three militant attacks near Svitlodarsk.

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Putin caught [honouring notorious Donbas and Syria 'mercenary'](#) commander.

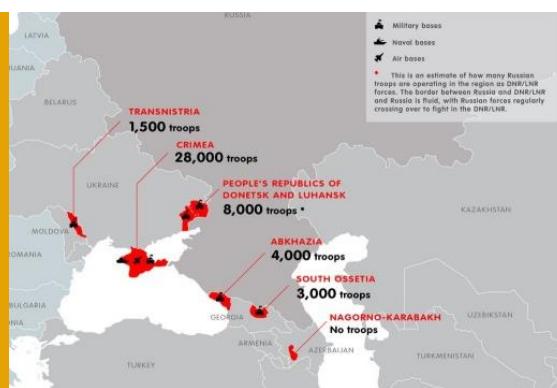
Ukrainians organized [rally outside Russia embassy in Kyiv over Aleppo massacre](#).

Dangerous objects: the [base of an army engineering unit of Russian invaders in Donetsk](#).

[Buddy the dog has been in the war zone since the](#)

Left: The [number of Russian troops in occupied territories](#).

Right: [Afro-Ukrainians after Euromaidan](#). Did Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity succeed in making national identity more ethnically inclusive?



LPR draws up lists of Ukrainian-minded citizens

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Russian [court rejects appeal of Ukrainian journalist Sushchenko](#).

Russia's [youngest victims in occupied Crimea urgently need support](#).

Amnesty International decries "[Systematic persecution](#)" of Crimean Tatars under Russian rule.

Russian riot police conduct [mass arrests in Crimea](#).

Russia [threatens to repeat one of Stalin's most barbaric acts in 1944](#) in Crimea.

[summer of 2014](#). Someone abandoned the German Shepherd puppy near the Aidar Battalion, and she's been there ever since.

Crimean [Tatars find new home in Lviv Oblast](#).

The town of Hirske, located in government-controlled territory, depends on a coal mine for most of its jobs, but major investments are needed for the operation to continue. [With clashes continuing just a few kilometers away, the mine and locals' livelihoods hang in the balance](#).

[Last surviving defender of Donetsk airport freed](#) after almost 2 years` captivity.

Russian occupation authorities in Crimea put another [human rights activist in psychiatric ward](#).

Ukrainian [hostages savagely tortured for 'Crimea saboteur confessions' fight back](#).

"Electrodes were clipped to my genitals". One more ['Crimean saboteur' accuses Russia's FSB of brutal torture](#).

New 'saboteur'? [Russia detains another Ukrainian in Crimea](#).

Self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic [draws up lists of Ukrainian-minded citizens](#).

Ukraine nationalizes largest bank, guarantees deposits

Hackers targeting Ukrainian banks, government websites

EU lauds [nationalization of Ukraine's largest bank](#).

Government [nationalizes PrivatBank, guarantees deposits](#).

Which ministers of Hroysman's [government have managed to keep their promises](#).

iMoRe # 49. Improvements before the New Year: [a simplified business environment](#).

Index of [consumer sentiment in Ukraine in November decreased](#).

The [experiment with lifting the state regulation of prices](#), launched October 1 for a three-month period, proved to be justified. The practice did not lead to an acceleration of inflation, therefore the government intends to continue it.

Massive [gas deposits found on Black Sea shelf offshore Odesa](#).

National Bank of Ukraine [closes 18th insolvent bank](#) this year.

Ukraine's [Railroad leadership 'intimidated by corrupt officials'](#). Wojciech Balczun says he and his

reforming team face intimidation and preventions.

[Savchenko leaving party](#), but not politics or the Rada.

The U.S. [Justice Department has cut ties with a fugitive Ukrainian member of parliament](#) who said he had turned over damning evidence proving the corruption of Ukraine's President Poroshenko.

Kyiv [court allows for the arrest of Yanukovych](#).

Yuriy Kosyuk, owner of the country's top poultry producer company MHP, is the fifth richest person in Ukraine. He also wields considerable influence in parliament and with President Petro Poroshenko.

BlackEnergy hackers now launching [attacks against Ukrainian banks](#).

Website of [Ukraine Defense Ministry down: cyberattack reported](#).

Ukrzaliznytsya (Ukrainian railways) website hacked on order from Russia.

Time-lapse imagery shows [scope of deforestation in Carpathians](#).

Left: Ukrainian apparel appeals to international consumers



Right: Five Ukrainian-made gadgets that will make perfect Christmas gifts



Ukrainian agricultural exports total nearly \$12 billion

IT market summary for 2016

[Weekly business update](#): Increased EU trade, new foreign investment.

Cooperation between [Saudi Arabia and Ukrainian aircraft manufacturer Antonov](#): electronic warfare and surveillance aircraft.

Ukrainian [agricultural exports already reach nearly \\$12 bn this year](#).

US-Ukrainian [cloud Sixa computing startup secures \\$3.5 million](#) from international investor consortium.

Ukrainian startup [Mevics secures \\$500,000 in the UK to combat pains from bad posture](#).

[IT market tendencies](#). IT schools are at their peak; universities to fight corruption.

Left: Secrets of traditional Ukrainian toys.

Right: 'What is your name': Stories of internally displaced families through art.



Carol of the bells turns one hundred Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk retains his world title

Signature Ukrainian [Christmas song 'Shchedryk' turns 100 years](#). The folk tune 'Shchedryk' is the basis for the international festive song 'Carol of the Bells'.

[100 years of New Year's celebrations](#). An exhibition presents the traditions of celebrating the New Year in Ukraine during the 20th century.

Ukrainian [boxer Oleksandr Usyk retains his world title](#).

Hanna [Dudich, a teacher of English at a school in Kropyvnytskyi, has become one of the 50 finalists for the 2017 Global Teacher Prize](#) to be awarded by the Varkey Foundation.

Love confessions, curses and help requests: analysis of [graffiti in Saint Sophia's Cathedral](#)

Left: "Angels among us". Charity calendar to raise funds for ATO veterans' treatment.

Right: Rising singing star [Khrystyna Soloviy revives folk melodies](#)



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