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UN recognized Russia as an occupying power in Crimea

Death of Ukrainian currency is “greatly exaggerated”

The UN has officially recognized [Russia as an occupying power in Crimea](#).

"The land is ours, the Heroes are ours," - 108th [anniversary of Stepan Bandera's birthday celebrated](#) across Ukraine.

[Canada launches grant for rehabilitating workers](#) in Ukraine.

[Ukraine Today has to say goodbye!](#) 1+1 Media Group shut down the English language news project on January 1, 2017.

Is Western media safe from the influence of Ukrainian oligarchs? As several publications show, some [world media easily fall into the trap of Ukrainian political games](#). Others do so deliberately.

[StopFakeNews #114](#) with Marko Suprun: fake videos are used to illustrate renewed fighting in Russian separatist-occupied Eastern Ukraine; to paraphrase Mark Twain, the death of the Ukrainian currency is “greatly exaggerated”; and Oliver Stone jumps on the Russian disinformation bandwagon about Ukraine.

Ukraine [investigates Booking.com for doing business in Crimea](#).

Ukrainians reflect bitterly on ['betrayed hopes' of Euromaidan](#). Three years later, passion has turned to frustration.

Left: Ukraine [returns stolen Italian masterpieces to Verona Art Museum](#)
Right: [Games of Heroes](#): best contestants partake in demonstration performance at NATO.



What will the nationalization of PrivatBank mean?

Ukraine makes progress in media freedom, but oligarchs still run the show

Askold S. Lozynskyy: [Ukraine at the United Nations](#).

[Nationalization of Privatbank](#): a promising chapter in Ukrainian reforms.

Nationalizing [PrivatBank's losses will result in private gain](#)... again.

Ukraine makes [progress in media freedom](#), but oligarchs still run the show.

President's Equator. [Which promises Petro Poroshenko kept](#) within the First Half of His Presidency.

[Putin in The Hague](#): the MH17 case.

Nolan Peterson: [Dispatches from the forgotten war in Ukraine](#). The first draft of history shouldn't be written by Kremlin propagandists or internet trolls.

Ukraine to shoot down aircraft breaching its airspace

Russia waging cyberwar with 6,500 attacks on Ukraine in past two months

[Russia proxy forces attacked Ukrainian troops in Donbas](#) forty-four times on December 31 and twenty-two times on January 1.

Russia waging [cyberwar against Ukraine with 6,500 attacks](#) in past two months.

Bellingcat presents [interactive data map of Russian artillery attacks](#) on Ukraine.

Russian pundit [calls for Syria-style airstrikes against Ukraine](#).

Russia plans [to boost military presence on Ukraine's](#) borders – Russian Ministry of Defense.

The Svitlodarsk salient separates us from Aleppo: Russian experts [dream of using air force and Iskander missiles against Ukraine](#).

"An-132 air carrier, unmanned vehicles, weapon stations are our answer to hybrid war," – [Ukroboronprom pins down expiring year's results](#).

[Ukraine to shoot down aircraft breaching its airspace](#) – Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers.

Ukraine [unilaterally hands over 15 militants](#).

"It's cold and hard there. We want them to know we think about them," – [volunteers prepared Olivier salad for soldiers in Donbas](#).

Indoor exhibition of Ukraine's [first ATO Museum completed in Dnipro](#).

Until the summer of 2014, [Vodyane was considered a dacha village](#). The residents of Mariupol left the hustle and bustle of the big city to spend weekends and holidays in this quiet scenic town. All the vacationers have since disappeared.



In Russia, a 7-year old message gets you 7 years in prison

Donbas rebels start ethnic purges against Ukrainians

In Russia, [7-year old phone message gets you 7 years of prison](#).

[Russian historian of Soviet terror arrested](#) on chillingly cynical charges.

[Russia legalizes state kidnappings](#) to 'fight terrorism'.

Russian prison staff on trial after [16-year-old Ukrainian tortured to death](#).

"Convicted" Crimean [prisoners will be sent to correctional labour centres in Russia](#).

[Crimean political prisoners tortured](#) on the way to court in Russian occupied Crimea.

Donbas [rebels start ethnic purges](#) against Ukrainians.

ProZorro system saved Ukraine 8 billion UAH in 2016

Year's balances in the economy and the freedom of press

Ukraine's parliament has [approved a budget for 2017](#), raising its chances of securing more aid from the International Monetary Fund under a \$17.5 billion loan package.

[Naftogaz gets \\$500 mln loan](#) secured with World Bank guarantee.

In 2016, the ProZorro system of electronic public procurement [saved Ukraine UAH 8 billion in state budget funds](#).

Year [2016: summary for freedom of press](#) in Ukraine. In the territory of Ukraine not under occupation, there were 262 registered violations of the freedom of press (as of December 27), which is 15% less than in 2015.

[Year's balance: Ukraine's economy](#) rebounds from its lows. After two years of a 10% drop in gross domestic product, the national economy in 2016 will report 1.5% growth amid a fall in inflation.

Ukrainian [banks see 66.7% decline in loss in 11 months](#) to UAH 19 bln according to the National Bank of Ukraine.

Former Privatbank owner Ihor [Kolomoisky](#)

[comments on PrivatBank nationalization](#).

Nadia [Savchenko removed from Ukrainian delegation](#) to PACE.

[Savchenko has announced the formation of a new movement](#) after a split with her former political party.

Russian court recognizes the Euromaidan as the 'coup'. [Recognition has no legal consequences for Ukraine](#).

Yanukovich-era [official commits suicide to avoid arrest](#).

[Ukrainian activist faces corruption probe](#) as reforms row festers.

Top teacher: [Ukrainian education system needs changes](#).

Many Ukrainians think it is much safer to keep their money under the mattress than in the bank. But [Ukraine is warming up to cashless economy](#).

First social [rehabilitation center for disabled children opens](#) in Kyiv.



Ukrainian startup to reduce energy consumption in Dubai

Ukrainian IT students place third at international competition

In 2016, Ukrainians [succeeded in transplanting an artificial heart, won a NASA competition](#), and presented new aircrafts.

[Top 25 banks](#) in Ukraine by assets.

Ukrainian IT students [place third at international competition in data analysis](#).

Ukrainian startup [Ecoisme to reduce energy consumption in Dubai](#) households.

Ukrainian university places [7th in rankings for coding](#).

Ukraine's Antonov aircraft manufacturer [presents new An-132](#).

Left: Oleksandr Usyk, ranked world heavyweight champion. [10 Ukrainians who brought honor to Ukraine in 2016.](#)

Right: Ukrainian Art Nouveau, Jungenstill. [Photos.](#)



Why Ukraine celebrates Christmas on January 7th

“Ukraine inspires me to write” - British writer Alex Shaw

[Why does Ukraine celebrate Christmas on January 7, not on December 25?](#)

[Half of Ukrainians prefer New Year's](#), the other half – Christmas.

Ostrovska-Lyuta: "[Art Arsenal program to become intellectually deeper](#)".

British thriller writer Alex Shaw: "[Ukraine](#)

[inspires me to write](#)".

Ukrainians Ivanchuk, Muzychuk [win 2016 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships.](#)

Ukraine's Lomachenko is [best boxer of 2016.](#)

Ukraine's [junior female tennis squad announced 'Team of the Year'](#).

Discover [mysterious tradition of Ukrainian vertep.](#)



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