



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 163

### EU court confirms Russia supplying weapons to Donbass

Even if Trump-Putin deal, Ukrainians ready to fight to defend their country

Poroshenko: [EU and US must confront Russian cyber attack](#) threat. [Russia seeks to split EU, undermine its credibility.](#)

[EU court confirms Russia supplying weapons to Donbas](#) separatists, upholds sanctions.

Russian [aggression against Ukraine isn't on Europe's 2017 agenda](#) – PACE. The [President of PACE calls for lifting sanctions](#) against Russia.

Even [if Trump and Putin make a deal, Ukrainians ready to fight](#) to defend their country.

[Ukraine must have a say in agreement between US and Russia](#) – Foreign Ministry

EU beefs up [task force to fight Russian information war](#).

In the depths of disinformation: [this is how RT propaganda works](#).

[StopFakeNews #118](#) with Nina Jankowicz. This week's fakes include Ukraine's new holiday Day of the Avenger; Kyiv's new language law will completely ban Russian; Ukrainian naval ships freeze in Odessa harbor; and, Goebbels' diaries show growing Nazism in Ukraine.

Bykivnia [memorials to Ukrainian and Polish victims of NKVD defiled by vandals](#).

Left: "[You wanted Ukraine? Face The Hague](#)": new anti-Putin billboard pops up on Crimean border.

Right: Women at war: [Maria Berlinska, civil volunteer in the Ukrainian Army](#).



### Ukraine a major test of conscience for democratic countries

Putin wants a deal with Trump because his resources are running out

Russia is using an [ancient strategy against the United States—divide and conquer](#), or at least divide and disrupt. Republicans and Democrats alike need to remember who the real enemy is.

[What Putin got and what Trump gave up](#).

Putin wants a [deal with Trump because his resources are running out](#).

[Trump's assault on globalization will hurt Russia](#) badly and soon - Russian analysts.

A Berlin Perspective on Ukraine: [Battles, not the war, have been won](#).

In 2017, Ukraine will be a major test of conscience that will force [democratic countries to an uneasy choice among values](#).

[Kruty Heroes commemorated](#) with march and requiem in Kyiv. On January 29, 1918, a small Ukrainian unit of 400 soldiers (mostly students) confronted Russian Bolshevik forces of about 4,000 men in the Battle of Kruty.

On Jan 26, a memorial plaque to Vasyl Makukh, who committed an [act of self-immolation in protest against the Soviet aggression in Czechoslovakia](#), was inaugurated in Kyiv.

## Russia attacks Ukrainian Navy diving ship in Black Sea

### Ukrainian soldiers initiate trade blockade with occupied Donbas territories

Jan 30. [Escalation near Avdiivka](#). Seven Ukrainian soldiers reported killed ahead of Poroshenko's Berlin visit.

Jan 28-30. Heavy [fighting in the Avdiivka](#) area.

Jan 29. [Russian/separatist troops launch offensive](#) near Avdiivka. Three Ukrainian [soldiers killed](#). The leader of the "Vostok" terrorist battalion Oleksandr Khodakovskiy confirmed the [elimination of the militant commander](#).

Russia [attacks Ukrainian Navy diving ship in the Black Sea](#).

The Russian Federation violated the Vienna Document-2011 on confidence-building measures and security by [forming a new motor rifle division near the border with Ukraine](#) without informing the OSCE.

Russian [troops at the Ukrainian border increased to 44,000](#) in recent weeks.

Demobilized [soldiers and veterans of Ukrainian](#)

[volunteer battalions have launched a trade blockade of the occupied parts of Donbas](#). The activists say that the war can be stopped altogether in this way.

[Ukrainian cops & soldiers join #22PushupChallenge](#) to raise suicide prevention awareness.

Cyborgs on film: new [documentary chronicles Donetsk airport battle](#).

First head of Russian-backed "Luhansk People's republic" [Bolotov reported dead](#).

A Brazilian citizen who authorities say [fought alongside Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine has been sentenced to 13 years](#) in prison by a Kyiv court.

[Ukraine has released a Georgian man](#) who is wanted in Russia on suspicion of murder and fought against Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

FrolovLeaks: [anathema as instrument of influence on Ukrainian politics](#).

Left: A guardian from children in the [first museum of the war in Donbas](#), Dnipro

Right: Avdiivka artillery shelling aftermath: six [residential houses damaged](#) by militants.



## ECHR: Russia is European leader in human rights violations

### Putin regime raises political police above all other force structures

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Putin [regime has raised its political police above all other](#) force structures.

Donald Trump should [ask Putin's Ukrainian hostages how torture 'works'](#).

Court [extends arrest of Sushchenko for another three months](#).

International and European Federations of Journalists [call for immediate release of Sushchenko, Semena](#).

[PACE calls on Russia to release Sentsov](#) and other Kremlin hostages.

[Russia resorts to openly terrorizing lawyers](#) and their families in occupied Crimea.

Russia [urged to drop charges against Crimean journalist](#).

Freedom House has [condemned the arrest of lawyer Emil Kurbedinov and his client Seyran Saliev by Russian-imposed prosecutors](#) in Crimea.

Lawyer for prominent [Crimean Tatar activist forcibly detained](#).

Kremlin has [plan to purge Crimea of disloyal Crimean Tatars](#) and other opponents of annexation, - Feygin.

Donbas ["republics" remove Ukrainian](#) from local schools.

## The benefits, flaws of PrivatBank's nationalization

### Ukrainian court sabotages fight against judicial corruption

The Ukrainian Government managed to deliver a [2017 budget](#) which meets the IMF-required deficit of 3% of GDP and is based on realistic revenue and expenditure assumptions.

Finance Ministry: [Ukraine's economic growth accelerating](#). The gross domestic product (GDP) of Ukraine in 2016 increased by 1.8%.

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) [expects the GDP growth to amount to 2.8% in 2017](#).

The NBU has decided [not to change the interest rate and leave it at 14%](#).

Ukraine's [exports to EU came to more than \\$12 bln](#) in 2016.

Ukraine and Finland [sign breakthrough energy cooperation deal](#).

[EU three-year anti-corruption program to be launched](#) in Ukraine in February.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) has reacted with anger after a [court rejected its application to have a Kyiv judge caught taking a huge bribe remanded in custody](#). The agency pulls no punches, calling the move sabotage.

In recent years [Ukraine has made more progress in reforms than in all its years of independence](#) – Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze.

What's [behind the discrediting of Valeria Hontareva](#) and demands for the NBU Governor to resign.

The [benefits and flaws of PrivatBank's transfer](#) into state hands.

The ["Private" story](#): the good bank, the bad shareholder, the ugly regulator.

Lviv, Vinnytsia, Dnipro, Lutsk, Odesa, Kharkiv and Poltava [city councils are leaders in publishing open data](#) – research.

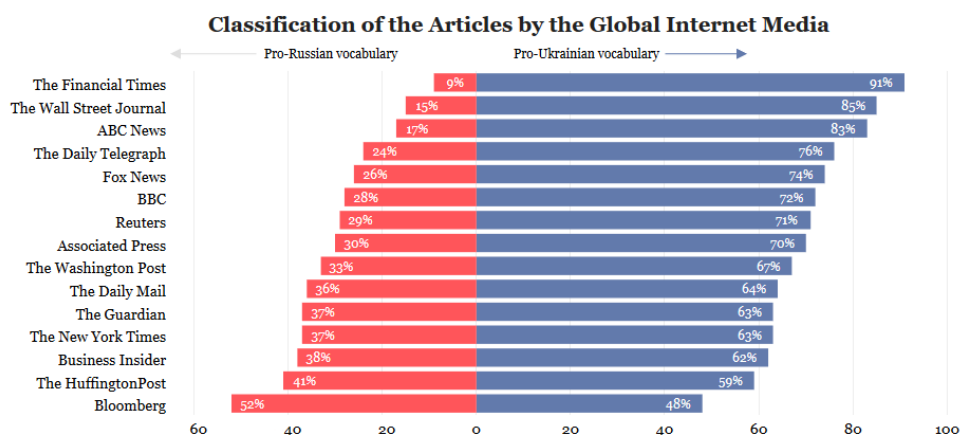
Ukraine scores [29 points out of 100 possible in world Corruption Perceptions Index](#) – Transparency International.

Rada [lawmaker poisoned with quick silver](#).

A total of 35 verdicts have been delivered by courts in the cases of [Maidan crimes, but only one person has been sentenced to prison](#).

[Maidan museum has nearly two thousand exhibits](#) but still has no premises.

My Tongue is My Enemy/Friend. Media Classification: How the World's Media Speaks About Ukraine.



## Ukrainian students patent 160 inventions

### Ukrainian startups attracted global attention at CES 2017

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[Ukrainian MacPaw makes best Mac apps](#) available on a subscription basis.

Ukrainian school [students have patented 160 inventions](#) in various fields of science and technology.

Ukraine [grows 6% of the entire world strawberry production](#) and ranks 7th in production volume among European countries.

January 27-28, the Polish city of [Rzeszów held the tenth Poland-Ukraine Forum](#).

Left: Ukraine's [Dzhyma wins gold in OECH Biathlon 2017](#).  
Right: Ukrainian tennis player [Marta Kostyuk has won the 2017 Australian Open Junior Championships](#) in Melbourne.



## Film about imprisoned Ukrainian filmmaker to be shown Young mathematician awarded for solving centuries-old problem

Film about imprisoned [Ukrainian filmmaker Sentsov to be shown at Berlinale](#).

[Serhiy Zhadan Charitable Foundation](#): Eastern Ukraine should be an integral part of the country's cultural space.

Ukrainian scientist [Maryna Viazovska has been](#)

[awarded the Salem Prize 2016](#), a prestigious distinction in mathematics. Viazovska has solved two high-dimensional versions of the "sphere packing" problem.

Minister of Culture of Ukraine promises that [Eurovision-2017 to take place within specified time and at high level](#).

Left: "Celebrate Diversity" will be the key [slogan of the Eurovision Song Contest 2017](#), which is to be held in Kyiv in May.  
Right: Most postcards carry a simple sentiment: Wish you were here. But the cards Anastasia Taylor-Lind and Alisa Sopova are [mailing randomly to people around the globe convey a haunting message: Wish this stranger was still alive](#).



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