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European Parliament approves Ukrainians' visa free travel Russian naval activity in Europe exceeds Cold War levels

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[returning Crimea](#) through G7, EU, or Geneva format.

[European Parliament approves visa-free travel](#) for Ukrainians.

Ambassadors of [G7 countries support healthcare reform in Ukraine](#) proposed by Suprun.

[Ukraine ready to defend Europe but it needs help](#) - defense minister.

[StopFakeNews #127](#) with Jim Kovpak. This week's fakes include claims that Ukraine plans to classify Crimea and Donbas residents as terrorists, former NATO Secretary General Rasmussen advocates for an independent course for Crimea and Ukraine plans to open camps for Syrian refugees.

[Defending Ukraine is defending NATO](#) - President of NATO PA Paolo Alli.

[Kyiv hopes for creation of international platform on](#)

Left: [Activists plant 180 cedars in Dnipro City in memory of fallen Ukrainian soldiers.](#)

Right: After bombing, Donetsk. "[We live one day at a time](#)": Understanding conflict in the Donbas. A travelogue



Terror serves the regime in Putin's Russia

[Putin's exploitation of terrorist acts – his rule's one constant](#) – must be fought.

[Criminal justice system in Ukraine tolerates violence against women.](#) Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces in cooperation with the NGO "La Strada – Ukraine" researched the criminal justice system and the way it solves cases involving domestic violence.

The many ways [terror serves the regime in Putin's Russia.](#)

EBU, [Samoilova is a political candidate & instrumentalized to threaten](#) Ukrainian security.

Fake “Islamic Battalion” arrives in Mariupol

Unexploded bombs, mines, and booby-traps litter the fields

[44 attacks registered April 9](#), enemy used 120 mm mortars, anti-tank grenade launchers and IFVs.

Apr 9. [5 wounded amid Easter ceasefire](#). Ukraine, France, Germany urge Russia to unblock liberation of hostages in Donbas. Russian hybrid forces [attack their own positions to accuse Ukrainian army](#) of violating the cease-fire.

New [Russian divisions near Ukrainian border](#). Informnapalm.

[Fake "Islamic Battalion" arrives in Mariupol.](#)

Spoiling [Ukrainian-Polish relations: next phase in Kremlin's hybrid war](#).

Ukraine has launched a [platform for the development of defense innovations](#), created on the

basis of Israel's experience.

Why [Russia does not want peace in the Donbas](#).

[Children in east Ukraine need urgent support](#) to overcome trauma of volatile conflict.

Militants [tried to bring down OSCE drone](#) recording Russian hardware amassed in Luhansk area.

[Unexploded bombs, mines, and booby-traps litter the fields](#) of eastern Ukraine -- an unmapped and deadly hazard not only for soldiers, but also farmers and other civilians.(Video)



Forcing Crimeans to serve in army breaches international law

Russia resettling ethnic minorities from Siberia to Crimea

Russia's [Crimean Tatar captive goes on hunger strike](#) demanding justice.

Russia [resettling ethnic minorities from Siberia to Crimea](#).

In Russian-occupied Crimea, agents of the Center for Combating Extremism (Center E) raided the

[central market of Simferopol and detained 60 people](#).

[Russia turns to closed courts for political prisoners](#) in occupied Crimea.

[Russia breaches international law forcing Crimeans to serve in occupying army](#). Nearly 5 thousand young Crimeans are to be conscripted into Russia's army in 2017.

Central bank chief Hontareva resigns amid pressure

Ukraine promises to change financing of healthcare, create national service

[Central bank chief Valeria Hontareva has resigned](#) amid political pressure. NBU head [claims receiving threats from oligarch](#).

[Ukraine receives a \\$1 billion installment of its \\$17.5 billion financial support for the reform program of the government, following the IMF's review of the state of the country's economy](#).

While the economy is slowly recovering after a severe crisis in 2014-2015, the country must still break with a legacy of weak governance and stop-and-go reforms to generate the sustainable growth it needs for higher incomes and better social conditions.

Ukrainian interest: [Long-awaited visa-free travel, Baltic vector and inconsistent Trump](#)

Ukraine [falls three positions in UN Human](#)

[Development Index](#).

Ukraine promises to [change financing of primary healthcare, create National Health Service](#).

[Week's milestones](#). Anticipation of visa lib, Groysman's expectation and leaving Gontareva

Ukraine intends to [boost poultry exports to Saudi Arabia](#).

['Amber mafia' sets up checkpoint, blocks road](#) in Rivne region.

Experts: [Reverse mortgages](#) can be a solution for elderly Ukrainian people with small pensions.

Ukraine may be on the doorstep of an electro-car revolution. It has about 600 charging stations for electric vehicles. InsideEVs gave [Ukraine 5th place in the list of the Top EV countries](#).



Ukraine's new 'Silicon Valley' high-tech complex opens

120 private solar power plants operating in Ternopil region

“IT Ukraine” has [joined the European ecommerce and omni-channel trade association](#) (EMOTA).

[Bitcoin investments in Ukraine quintuple](#) throughout 2016.

Ukraine's new ['Silicon Valley' high-tech complex opens](#).

Ukraine's airplane giant [Antonov tests first model without Russian components](#).

[120 private solar power plants start operating](#) in Ternopil region.

Astarta [agroindustrial complex, a large sugar producer in Ukraine, saw a 5.2-fold rise in net profit in 2016](#), reaching EUR 83 million.

The Ukrainian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (UVCA) has released Investors Book. According to the report, [17 venture funds, six private equity funds and one corporate fund \(HP Tech Ventures\) currently operate](#) in Ukraine.



Three Ukrainian boxers win all fights in Maryland A colorful and delicate tradition

The [Water Museum in Kyiv includes interactive exhibitions and educational installations](#) about one of life's most essential elements (Video)

[Kvitka Cisyk](#): the American singing sensation who never forgot her Ukrainian roots.

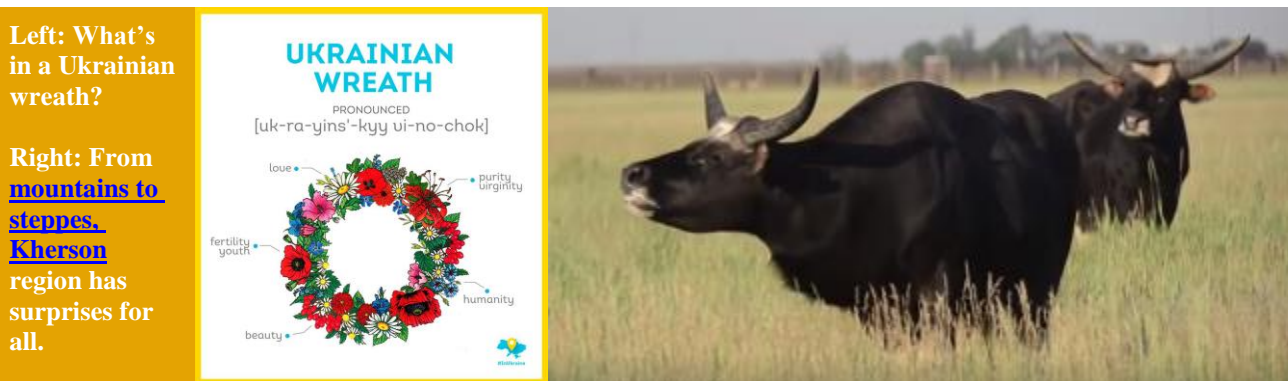
[Thirty Ukrainian films came out in 2016](#) –

Independent Motion Picture Guild of Ukraine.

Ukrainian gymnast [Verniaiev won World Cup](#).

Ukrainian boxers Lomachenko, Usyk, and Hvozdyk all [won their fights in Maryland](#).

[Pysanka](#): a colorful and delicate Ukrainian tradition



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