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Thirty-one years since Chornobyl power plant disaster

Ukraine and Poland commemorating Vistula Operation 70th anniversary

European Parliament confirms that [Ukraine to get visa-free regime on June 11](#).

Ukraine [begins confiscating \\$1.5 billion Yanukovych](#) allegedly stole. Poroshenko says [money to be spent on Ukrainian army and social protection](#).

31 years passed since 26 April 1986, when near Ukrainian town Prypyat [Reactor No. 4 exploded at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant](#).

Slavutych: the [town born from the Chornobyl nuclear disaster](#).

In stalkers' footsteps: [Life in Chornobyl zone](#) today.

Ukraine and Poland commemorating [70th anniversary of the Vistula Operation](#). As a result of this operation, the Ukrainian population was evicted from the border areas of Poland.

Ukrainian Foreign Ministry calls it [provocation to take down monument to UPA fighters in Poland](#).

[How much did Moscow pay for the destruction](#) of the Ukrainian insurgent army memorial in Hruszowice, Poland?

Ukraine [suspends validation of Poland's memorials in retaliation](#) to UPA monument demolition.

Russian journalist presents [proofs of Russian Colonel Sergey Dubinsky involvement in MH17](#) downing.

[StopFakeNews #129](#) with Benjamin Cohen: claims about homeless people being rounded up and moved out of Kyiv in time for the Eurovision song contest, accusations of Ukraine shelling the area in occupied Luhansk where an OSCE monitor was killed.

Left: How the Kremlin influences the West using Russian criminal groups in Europe.

Right: Photographer recalls death, beauty inside Chornobyl's fourth reactor.



Ukraine, Russia, and the Hague syndrome of unknowns

Russia focusing on far-right and far-left to influence EU

Putin seizes on mixed signals from the U.S. to quietly [tighten Russia's grip on two rebel regions of Ukraine](#), burying hopes for a European-brokered peace deal and relief from sanctions anytime soon. Bloomberg.

Russia focusing on [far-right and far-left European movements to influence EU](#).

What makes a man betray his country? Maxim Butchenko's novel [The War Artist](#) explores this question against the backdrop of a war forgotten by Europe.

[Ukraine, Russia, and the Hague syndrome](#): unknown

territory for the court.

Regular readers of the Disinformation Review already know that the [accusation of Nazism is one of the favourite techniques of pro-Kremlin outlets](#).

The [death of the Massandra winery](#) in occupied Crimea.

Inside [RT's world of alternative news](#).

Finding the balance. [What it takes to upgrade Ukraine's military](#).

Building up armour. [Current state and plans in Ukraine's defence industry](#).

Russia-Belarus war games not Ukraine invasion -Lukashenko US paramedic killed in Eastern Ukraine 'Not an accident'

May 1. [Two Ukrainian soldiers killed, 4 wounded](#) in Donbas in last 24 hours. [Militants continue using proscribed weapons](#) in all sectors.

Terrorist [attack prevented in Odesa as backpack with explosives](#) found at Kulykove Pole.

[US paramedic killed in Eastern Ukraine 'Not an accident'](#): OSCE's Alexander Hug.

['If I encouraged at least one soldier to live, I think this is a great success.'](#) Vadym Sviridenko, a Ukrainian marathon runner, lost both his arms and legs in 2015 after his convoy was ambushed.

Lukashenko assures [Russian-Belarusian military exercise West-2017 not to turn into invasion](#) of Ukraine.

"For [Russian troops going to Belarus, it is a one-way ticket](#)," - Estonia's defense minister on Russia-Belarus war games.

Ukraine to show [prisoners under swap program are unwilling to return to occupied Donbas](#).

Hacked emails show that the [Kremlin directs and funds the ostensibly independent "republics" in eastern Ukraine and runs military operations there](#).

NGO Union of the Committees of Soldiers` Mothers of Russia Valentina Melnikova estimates that [at least 1,500 Russian servicemen have been killed in Donbas](#), east Ukraine, since spring 2014.

Ukraine charged on April 28 that [Russia's effort to have international authorities arrest and extradite former Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk is "politically motivated."](#)

[Moscow Patriarchate taking control over property of its parishes in Ukraine](#) to block them from leaving.

[64th Russian "humanitarian" convoy](#) enters Eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine will [not stop water supplies to separatist 'republics' for humanitarian motives](#), - Minister Chernysh.

Russia [plotting provocations in Odesa](#) ahead of Eurovision-2017.

Left: An exhibition of [photographs of children who have suffered](#) in the conflict with Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Right: Who is [Zeytullaev, the Crimean Tatar Russia just sentenced](#) to 12 years...



Luhin slits his wrists, throat in protest against transfer to Russia Number of hostages in occupied Donbas grows to 127

Luhin slits his [wrists, throat in Crimean jail in protest against transfer to Russia](#).

Russia develops [bills to turn occupied Crimea into offshore jurisdiction](#).

Russian court sentences [Crimean Tatar to 12 years in prison](#).

[Hunger strike for all Crimean Tatar hostages](#) of Russia.

Russian [FSB radically changes the plot in its 'Crimean saboteur' trial](#).

Number of [hostages in occupied Donbas grows to 127](#).

Lessons of "patriotism": Russian militants in Donbas [experiment with children's minds in occupied areas](#).

Moscow court extends [arrest of Ukrainian journalist Sushchenko for another two months](#).

Russian [girlfriend handed Ukrainian political prisoner to FSB torturers](#).

Oleg [Sentsov sends moving response to PEN America Freedom to Write Award](#).

Freedoms of press in Ukraine improve, but challenges remain

Biogas plant to open in frontline Volnovakha this year

EU launches EUR 6 mln project: [“Model police stations” in 20 Ukrainian districts.](#)

Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Hroysman announces [large-scale personnel replacement in nine ministries.](#)

Chornobyl [exclusion zone to be home to safe solar power.](#)

[The first biogas plant in Eastern Ukraine](#) is set to open this year in Volnovakha, a government-controlled town half-way between Mariupol and occupied Donetsk.

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Ukraine's Long-Term Foreign- and Local-Currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) at ['B-' with a Stable Outlook.](#)

[Freedoms of press in Ukraine improve](#), but challenges remain – Freedom House.

National [Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine marks 2nd anniversary](#): probe underway in cases

into UAH 85 bln damage to state budget.

ProZorro anniversary: [overview of public procurement reform changes.](#)

[Polish gas worth \\$48.8 mln to be supplied](#) to Ukraine by private company.

[Dragon Capital office raided by Security Service.](#)

The fight against corruption in Ukraine finally starts to reach the system's core. On April 20, Mykola Martynenko, [a former MP who stands at the origins of Ukraine's politics at the time of its independence, was arrested.](#)

If the finger can be pointed at Russia for its role and propaganda lies about the [tragic disturbances and fire in Odesa on 2 May 2014](#), it is solely the Ukrainian authorities who must answer for Ukraine's shameful failure to carry out a proper investigation.

Left: Ukraine becomes one of world's [largest producers of mustard.](#)

Right: [Meryl Streep supports campaign for release](#) of Russia-imprisoned director Sentsov.



Ukrainian schoolchildren contribute cyber technologies

Ukrainian startup aims to revolutionize sport facility booking

Ukrainian [schoolchildren contribute to the development of cyber technologies.](#)

App Solutions [acquires Ukrainian IT outsourcing company Grossum.](#)

Ukrainian startup aims to [revolutionize sport facility booking across the world.](#)

Engineering [Innovation on Display at the Vernadsky Challenge](#) in Dnipro.

[China has already invested more than \\$7 billion](#) in the development of agricultural, energy and infrastructure industries in Ukraine.

Left: [Johann Georg Pinsel](#): the Michelangelo from Lviv.

Right: [Operation to retrieve Apostol](#) lasted one year, as thieves tried to take antique book to Russia.



Ukraine includes Crimea in Eurovision 2017 promo clip Free Kyiv city tours show you the best.

Ukraine includes video with Crimea landscapes in Eurovision 2017 promo clip. [Video](#).

[Free Kyiv city tours](#) show you the best.

Kremlin preparing [information campaign to discredit image of Ukraine](#) during Eurovision Song Contest 2017.

[Saint Sophia's Cathedral](#) and surrounding monastery are among the most famous landmarks in Kyiv. It gained UNESCO World Heritage status in 1990.

Left: "[Meet the real Ukraine](#)" video made by volunteers.
Right: "[Ukraine in our hearts](#)": frontline [Mariupol](#) residents hold rally against "Russian World".



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