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The [European Union has recognized Ukraine's blocking of Russian social networks](#) as issue of national security.

EU decision to grant [visa-free travel to Ukrainians becomes official](#).

Meeting between the [President of Ukraine and the Chancellor of Germany](#): We must return the Minsk process to a constructive direction.

[Deportation of the Crimean Tatars](#). History, chronology, victims (infographics).

The Senate of [Canada votes to ratify the FTA](#) with Ukraine.

Ukraine opens [criminal probe against Stalin, Beria for Crimean Tatar deportations](#).

[No video link with Yanukovich](#) as treason trial resumes in Kyiv. [Defense lawyers fear Yanukovich may loosen tongue](#) too much in court.

Ukraine v. Russia: [UN Tribunal for Law of Sea approved calendar of pleadings](#).

Germany's historical [responsibility towards Ukraine discussed in Bundestag](#).

[StopFakeNews #132](#) with Nina Jankowicz: how the Russian disinformation machine continues to churn out lies about the new visa free agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, fake claims about Ukraine's shrinking gold reserves, and what Ukraine's President really thinks about the Donbas area.

Left: [Ukraine commemorates the Tatars, the victims of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's mass deportation from Crimea in 1944](#).

Right: [Vyshyvanka Day](#): Ukrainians celebrate the day of the national embroidered shirt



Ukraine bans Russian internet companies - opinions

How Ukraine treats Crimean Tatars

Self-defense or a blow to democracy? [Pro and contra arguments to Ukraine's ban of Russian Internet companies](#).

Unfriended: why [Ukraine banned two of its most popular social networks](#).

Inside the [Kremlin's media machine](#).

Ukrainian legislation about religion will [finalize divorce between Kyiv and Moscow](#).

[A tale of two cities](#). Understanding the histories of Kharkiv and Slovyansk are key to understanding war in East Ukraine. – Paul Niland

Russia deploys six nuclear warheads in Crimea

Ukrainian Facebook audience grows 35% after Russian social networks blocked

May 22. Militants [shell Avdiivka for six hours](#). Militants [continued strengthening their positions](#).

[Combat medic course](#) teaches Ukrainian medics how to save lives on the front line.

May 21. [Hostilities resume at Donetsk](#) airport.

Over [500 mercenaries from Vostok gang killed in three years of war](#), - gang leader Khodakovsky.

May 16. Russian [militants take control of new positions in Pisky](#) near occupied Donetsk. Russian occupation troops continue neglecting the Minsk agreements.

Russia deploys [six nuclear warheads in Crimea](#).

Over [500 homes in Avdiivka damaged](#) by militants since year's start.

Ukrainian [President ordered internet-providers to block access to Russia social networks](#), Yandex search, Kaspersky anti-virus and other web services.

"[My mom is on heaven](#)," - girl who saw her mom killed in Avdiivka shelling.

[Ukrainian Facebook audience grows by 35%](#) after Russian social networks blocked.

State border guard service is [finishing installing 'wall' in Kharkiv region](#). Work underway in Sumy, Luhansk regions.

[Human Rights Watch urges Poroshenko to revoke ban on Russian web companies](#).

Left: "[...In my heart, I'm dancing.](#)" A message from the girl who rescued over 200 wounded defenders.

Right: [Aftermath of Shyrokyne and Berdianske shelling](#) by Russian troops.



How Ukraine treats Crimean Tatars

Slain Crimean Tatar symbol of struggle against Russian invasion

Slain Crimean Tatar Reshat Ametov is a [symbol of struggle against Russian invasion](#). On May 18th, he was declared a Hero of Ukraine.

Crimean [Tatars compare current crisis with 1944 deportations](#).

[Crimean Tatars leave peninsula](#) because of unprecedented persecution – CrimeaSOS.

Fixing mistakes. How Ukraine [treats Crimean Tatars after the occupation of Crimea](#).

Security [officials blocking actions of Crimean Tatars in occupied](#) Crimea.

Ukraine's [Law on the Status of the Crimean Tatar People should seriously worry](#) Russia.

No more IMF money without pension reform

Documentary on journalist murder re-opens investigation

[Week's balance](#): ban of Russian websites, IMF mission in Ukraine, and launch of pension reform.

“[Ukrainian interest](#)”. The decision to block Russian social networks came as a surprise not only for many citizens of Ukraine, but also for the Kremlin. The European Union officially announced visa liberalization for Ukraine.

Ukraine's finance minister: [No more money from IMF without pension reform](#).

[Pension reform](#): Ukrainians to be able to “buy” up to five years of pensionable service.

Ukrainian operator of [nuclear power plants boosts revenue from electricity sales by 21%](#) in four months.

PM Hroisman presents [Ukraine digital development plan for 2017](#).

iMoRe # 59. [Reforms penetrate the medical system](#): hospitals become more independent.

[Ukrainians have the highest trust in](#) volunteer

NGOs that help Donbas army servicemen and army wounded, the church, the armed forces and national guards, says the April poll run by the Razumkov Center.

Ecology Minister: Well-known international companies [ready to invest in solar power park in Chernobyl](#).

[Contactless payments gain momentum](#) in Ukraine's public transport.

[Drones, high-tech cars and a helicopter](#) serve the Ukrainian police.

Investigative [documentary on journalist Pavel Sheremet murder](#) finds leads that cops didn't, traces to SBU. The [Security Service of Ukraine is ready to provide any assistance](#) in conducting the investigation of Pavlo Sheremet assassination and is open for dialogue with the public.

Ukraine adds more [Russian, Crimean transport enterprises to sanction list](#).

Ukraine introduces [anti-dumping duty on Russian chocolate](#).

The [Crowdfunding Academy](#) helps conflict-affected entrepreneurs. Video interview with links.

Alternative energy is rapidly developing in Ukraine

First oyster farm in mainland Ukraine plans to ramp up production

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[First oyster farm in mainland Ukraine](#) founded by former IT employee plans to ramp up production.

[Bitcoin, dash payments could soon cover 80%](#) of Ukraine merchant terminals.

Website with [largest tourist attraction places](#)

[database](#) launches in Ukraine.

[Electric cars are getting more traction](#) in Ukraine.

[Auchan launches online sales](#) in Ukraine.

[Ukrainian technology companies reach far](#) beyond their national borders.

Left: Ancient Castle in Ostrih

Right: Yana Belomoina



Laughter and strength featured at Kyiv's Book Arsenal Ukrainian band tops British, German and French music charts

Breathtaking Eurovision [Megamix by ONUKA impressed all of Europe](#). Now Ukrainian band is on British, German and French music charts. (Video)

Laughter and strength featured at [Kyiv's Book Arsenal](#).

Serhii Loiko: [The novel "Flight" tells about the war thousands of miles away that came to your home](#).

Haytarma: the film about Stalin's deportation of the Crimean Tatars Russia doesn't want you to see | [Watch online](#).

'[A Prayer of Strangers](#)': the story of Crimean Tatar who saved Jewish children during Holocaust.

[Holodomor web project](#) carries on memory of forced Famine.

Ukrainians remember their heritage through [traditional clothing](#).

[Dynamo Kyiv celebrates 90](#) years.

[National Bank of Ukraine museum](#) shows off collection.

[Lutsk High Castle](#) offers a look into life in the middle ages.

Left: The Valley of Narcissi, Transcarpathia.
Right: [Ukrainian story of Wassily Kandinsky](#) and newly found watercolors featured in new book.



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