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### Ukraine marks 32nd anniversary of Chornobyl tragedy

#### PACE recognizes Russia's occupation of part of Donbas

Ukraine marks [32nd anniversary of Chornobyl](#) tragedy with candles lit in Pripyat (Video).

[Construction of new confinement at Chornobyl NPP](#) to cost EUR 1.6 billion.

Chornobyl disaster: [a pilot's first-hand account](#).

Stories of Chornobyl. [Pripyat: a ghost town](#). The [first response team](#). (videos)

[PACE recognizes occupation](#) of part of Donbas by Russia.

In preparation for the G7 meeting, the Canadian Group for Democracy in Ukraine sent a [letter to Canada's Foreign Minister Chrystia Freehand seeking attention to Ukraine issues mandatory for](#)

[global security](#).

Ukrainian [military joins Combined Resolve X drills in Germany](#).

Money, sex, caviar, and 17 delegates: what you need to know about the [bribing scheme in PACE](#).

"Disgrace": Ukraine [envoy on British MEP's illegal visit to occupied Crimea](#).

[PACE resolution supports EU vs Disinfo](#), suggests setting up anti-disinformation observatories.

[Google, Amazon, others blocked by Russian communications regulator](#).

Russophobia: [how Russia exploits Western values for its propaganda](#).

Left: On 26 Apr 1986, a routine safety test at the Chornobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine spiraled out of control. [Video on the dramatic events](#) that led to the world's worst civilian nuclear disaster. Right: Dedication on the monument: To the ones who saved the world. [32 years after Chornobyl: 10 facts that may surprise you](#).



### Why do revolutions occur one after another in Ukraine?

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[In Ukraine, they want to be free, and in Russia they want to be great](#) - Olivier Vedrine.

[Facebook's Russian business model](#). The social media giant is to technology what Russia has been to geopolitics.

[Russia's method is to distract and invade](#). Lithuania's Defence Minister Raimundas Karoblis.

The choice of the autocrat. [How the re-election of Vladimir Putin revealed Russia's weaknesses](#) and can benefit Ukraine.

A [military coup against Putin](#)—although unlikely—cannot now be excluded, Felgenhauer says.

[Putin views Russians as 'divided people,' thus threatening all Russia's neighbors](#), German historian says.

Like the Soviet, [Putin system can't be reformed, only destroyed and replaced](#), Inozemtsev says.

Postcolonial syndrome, or [why do revolutions occur one after another in Ukraine?](#)

How Ukraine can [protect itself from Nord Stream 2](#).

[Why do Ukrainians remain poor?](#) Six hypotheses.

[Civic passivity](#). The volunteer movement and civic activists have won the trust of most Ukrainians. Still, the number of people in Ukraine that join their initiatives remains small.

## Command of Joint Forces Operation introduces special order in Donbas U.S. confirms delivery of Javelin antitank missiles to Ukraine

[Completion of ATO, launch of joint forces operation](#) in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Command of [Joint Forces Operation introduces special order in Donbas](#).

[Journalist V. Kuksa, who worked in the combat zone in Donbas, was killed in a car explosion](#) in Kyiv on April 27th.

[U.S. confirms delivery of Javelin](#) antitank missiles to Ukraine.

[Air assault troop reservists practice live fire, airdrop mission in Zhytomyr region](#).

[Eastern Ukraine statelets “effectively controlled” by Russia](#) – PACE resolution.

Ukrainian [OSINT sleuths release largest existing database of evidence of Russian aggression](#) in Ukraine.

“[Balu Crossroads](#)” documentary tells the story of Ukrainian soldiers.

This female National Guard soldier [never misses her target](#).

[British conflict medic joins Ukrainian forces](#) in Donbas.

Left: Adapting to the realities of war at [Dnipro's Mechnikov Hospital](#).  
Right: What [Europe's forgotten war actually feels like](#).



## Russia tries to ‘give itself’ more Ukrainian territory Library of Ukrainian Literature destroyed in Moscow

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Russia [abducts, tortures and imprisons](#) Ukrainians. And Ukraine?

Russian [defender of Ukrainian political prisoners, Feygin, stripped of lawyer license "over tweets"](#).

Feygin [returns to Sushchenko trial as ECHR representative](#).

Russian court [extends term of abducted Ukrainian teenager Pavlo Hryb's arrest](#) until July 4.

Russia [tries to ‘give itself’ more Ukrainian territory](#).

[Putin's 'confidant' at Crimea elections caught at border](#) of occupied peninsula.

Nearly 6,000 [people involved in occupation of Crimea put on wanted list](#).

May holidays in Crimea: [Howling sirens, closed shopping malls, inaccessible forests](#).

["Crowded" beaches of Crimea](#) captured on webcams.

Aksyonov [preparing special forces to aggravate situation](#) in occupied Crimea.

Ukrainian [disappears after mystery detention](#) in Russian-occupied Crimea.

[Large-scale raids on homes of Crimean Tatar entrepreneurs, patrons and activists](#) took place in the occupied Crimea on Thursday morning.

Russia's [missile systems drills kick off](#) in Crimea.

Number of [Russian military in Crimea increased almost 2.7 times](#) for five years.

[Critically ill Crimean Tatar political prisoner denied](#) hospitalization.

[Mother of arrested Crimean Tatar activist sentenced for ‘insulting’ and ‘depressing’](#) a police officer.

## Slightly faster pace of reforms in first quarter 2018

Ukraine moves up a notch in press freedom ranking.

Week's balance: roundwood timber in exchange for EU aid, slowdown in industrial output, and billions on road safety.

Unian week: Sargsyan's fall, PACE dialectics and foreign ministries' positioning.

Fitch affirms Ukraine's rating at 'B-', outlook stable.

Ukraine moves up a notch in press freedom ranking.

Ukraine has made significant progress in implementing reforms, according to a joint communique by the G7 foreign ministers.

Ukraine's industrial production grows 2.4% in January-March 2018 – State Statistics.

Two hundred officials already charged with corruption, 160 more under investigation – NABU.

A handful of optimism: the first quarter of 2018 witnesses a slightly faster pace of reforms.

iMoRe №82 Small steps: life is somewhat simplified for oil and gas explorers.

Deputy Minister of Finance on the revised plans for a strategic restructuring of the state banking sector in 2018-2022.

Light at the end of the tunnel. Where Ukraine's banking system is moving.

Ukraine eyes patent law reform after civil society push on medicines access.

Patriarch Filaret: "I am 100 percent certain that Orthodox Church in Ukraine will have autocephaly - there is no other option".

Kyiv Center of the Ukrainian Scout Organization celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Fugitive Yanukovich clan promises to return to Ukraine to "change its political course".

Wizz Air to increase passenger load from Ukraine, launch new routes to Europe in 2018

Left: Antonov brings two transport aircraft to Eurasia Airshow.  
Right: Ukraine's international photo festival "Odesa Photo Days 2018" opens in Odesa.



## Ukrainian high schoolers show off their inventions

Kyiv event awards best Ukrainian e-commerce companies

Ciklum founder backs AVentures Capital to support globally-oriented Ukrainian startups.

Patents and prizes: Ukrainian high schoolers show off their inventions.

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Ukrainian-American trademark registering app expands to 28 EU countries.

From agriculture, to energy, to blockchain: Hot investment trends to be discussed at international conference in Kyiv (May 15-17).



Left: [Pochaina River](#): legendary place of baptism of the Kyivan Rus-Ukraine.  
Right: Great secrets of a small old temple.  
[The Horiany Rotunda](#), located in Zakarpattia region



## Ivano-Frankivsk has received the 2018 Europe Prize First Hutsul culture festival in Kyiv

[Ivano-Frankivsk has received the 2018 Europe Prize](#), which is awarded to the city most active in promoting the European ideal.

First [Hutsul culture festival in Kyiv](#). One of the Ukrainian dances, the Hutsul Arkan, may be included in the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage.

[Pochaina River](#): legendary place of baptism of the Kyivan Rus-Ukraine.

The Kyiv [International Short Film Festival](#).

Ukrainian [basketball champions nominated for best European players](#).

“[Start up Gogol Fest](#)” modern art festival kicked off in Mariupol.

Residents of Ternopil enjoying the [120-meter long illuminated fountain](#).

19th century outfits on the [Vintage Fashion Exhibition](#) in Kyiv.

Kyiv celebrates spring with [Tulip Festival](#).

Left: [Video about touristic attractiveness of Ukraine](#).  
Right: [St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Cathedral](#) | Kyiv's architecture: history and myth



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