Five more countries join Russia sanctions over Crimea

Murder of journalist Pavel Sheremet still unsolved two years on

EU to add six Russian entities to sanctions list over Kerch bridge.

Five more countries join EU sanctions over occupation of Crimea.

Ukraine: Russia ignoring International court order, fails to lift its ban on the Mejlis.

With Trump by his side, Putin admits Russia staged the ‘referendum’ to annex Crimea.

Putin’s post-summit interview lies won’t save Trump.

U.S. announces $200 million in new security aid to Ukraine.

Only four countries (Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Belgium) do not support Ukraine’s position against the construction of Nord Stream 2.

‘Murderers not found’ two years after journalist Sheremet killed in Kyiv.

Poroshenko signs laws on international cooperation on MH17 disaster.

Four years on, Russian MH17 disinformation campaign still going strong.

Russia meddled in U.S. elections via Facebook, Zuckerberg confirms. The perpetrators were hackers from Russia’s GRU, military intelligence agency.

A task force to counteract Russian cyberattacks has been created in the US.

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Support for pro-Moscow candidates Putin's "final stake".

Freedom, not Free-for-all: myth of lawlessness and sense of responsibility

US policy towards Ukraine has not changed. The greatest danger in Helsinki: new ‘secret protocols’ or simply ‘understandings’.

Putin’s vision and goals make any serious agreement with him impossible.

Trump has helped Kremlin leader destroy post-1945 world.

Moscow celebrates another disgraceful American concession after Helsinki.

Kyiv must denounce 2004 Azov Sea accord with Russia now.

Who’s most at risk of assassination by Putin’s siloviki?

Support for pro-Moscow candidates in upcoming elections Putin’s “final stake”. Putin sought to take control over the whole of Ukraine – Piontkovsky said.

Expert names Putin's three main goals in Ukraine. A "Smuggler Hub" or honest work? How have Russian counter-sanctions impacted Belarusian exports and imports?

In search of the national bourgeoisie. Can the middle class drive Ukraine's independence and development?

Freedom, not Free-for-all. How the myth that Ukrainians are inclined towards lawlessness is used against them and why a sense of responsibility to your own people is so important.

Stalin frequently modified Russia’s borders, adding and subtracting territory, Butakov says.
Ukrainian military finalizing Canadian sniper rifles deal
3 months and no response from Moscow to Kyiv's prisoner swap proposals

It’s been three months, and Moscow has not responded to Kyiv’s proposals on prisoner swap.

Saboteur stopped short of blowing up train with army supplies in Ukraine.

SBU counterintelligence apprehends "procurement officer" in charge of hardware, ammunition supplies to Russian militants in Donbas.

Deterring Putin: Ukrainian military finalizing Canadian sniper rifles deal.

Russia continues to militarize occupied Crimea, placing large military contingent and redeploying huge number of military equipment and missiles.

Marines eliminate Russian mercenary near Mariupol.

Ukrainian fleet may be able to defend country in 2020s but can’t now, Zhirokhov says.

Is Russia preparing to attack Mariupol by blockading Ukrainian Azov Sea ports?

Russian occupiers in Crimea increasingly targeting women and children
Moscow’s integration of Donbas from below–via Russian regions–accelerates

About 70 Ukrainian political prisoners are being held in Russia and in Russian-occupied Crimea. Three of them are on hunger strike.

Russian occupiers in Crimea increasingly targeting women and children.

66 unlawful raids and 98 arrests recorded in Crimea in last six months.

Moscow’s integration of Donbas from below–via Russian regions–accelerates.

Sentsov won’t end hunger strike. Kremlin-held political prisoner Oleg Sentsov was visited by his lawyer, who said that Sentsov's health is deteriorating.

Balukh's mother not going to ask Putin to pardon her son as it would mean admitting his guilt.

Four month ago, Volodymyr Balukh announced indefinite hunger strike. There are fears that Balukh will starve to death.

Crimean Tatar, jailed on fake extremism charges, refuses to be cowered into silence.

Booking.com excludes booking accommodations in Crimea.

A court in Russia halted the trial of 20-year-old Pavlo Hryb charged with abetting terrorism shortly after it got under way, sending the case back for additional investigation.

"I do not plead guilty." - Pavlo Hryb, in Russian court.

Ukraine to impose sanctions against media illegally broadcasting in Crimea.

All faiths outside the Moscow Patriarchate under fire in Russia-backed Donbas ‘republics’.
Ukraine’s anti-corruption institutions divorce to what effect
School reform law ratified

**Week’s balance**: gas talks in Berlin, offensive on smugglers, barriers in economy.

Two years after journalist Sheremet’s murder, news on Nord Stream 2, victory of Oleksandr Usyk and more – *Weekly Update on Ukraine #66*, July 17 – 23.

**Divorce of Ukrainian anti-corruption institutions**: will it affect the investigations against top-corrupts?

NABU completes **investigation against Odesa Mayor Trukhanov**.

Ukrainian **anticorruption activist suffers chemical burns after attack** with green liquid.

Poroshenko **ratifies law on school reform**, Finland will allocate $7 million to Ukraine to support the project.

**No settlement agreement can be reached with**

**Gazprom on existing Stockholm Arbitration rulings**, Naftohaz CCO Vitrenko says.

**Sweden to invest $1.7 mln in development of IT-schools** in Ukraine.

**Public health**: meeting the challenge of evidence-informed policy in Ukraine.

UAH 6,659, 11,951 and 7,451 (the equivalent of $256, $450 and $280) – this is what an average Ukrainian sees as the desired subsistence, average wage and pension across Ukraine, according to SOCIS, a sociology center. According to the State Statistics Bureau, the real numbers are UAH 1,777, 8,725 and 2,479 respectively, or around $68, $335 and $95.

Ukrainian neo-Nazi C14 activist **under house arrest over violent attack on Roma camp**.

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**Two public-private funds to support tech startup financing**

**Ukrainian neurosurgeon develops unique implant for treating neck trauma**.

Two **new public-private funds to support tech startup** financing in Ukraine.

Antonov - the first step in opening the Ukrainian defense industry to investment and cooperation. **Business week July 16-22**.

**Polish Industrial Development Agency buys back two enterprises** from Ukrainian businessman Taruta.
Cossack traditions, summer camp in modern Ukraine
Ancient milk technique waterproofs ceramics

Film about war in Donbas wins prize at Melbourne Documentary Film Festival.

Cossack Summer Camp. Children live in tents and learn Cossack martial arts and survival skills.

Lesya Ukrainka - Ukrainian Romantic era poet remains virtually unknown outside of Ukraine. Seattle might soon change this!

Cossack traditions in modern Ukraine.

Zofia Batycka: the Lvivian who became Miss Polonia and a famous film actress.

Using ancient milk technique for ceramics. Before the invention of glaze, milk was used to make ceramics water-resistant.

Reply of the Zaporozhian Cossacks to Sultan Mehmed IV of the Ottoman Empire by Peter Capaldi. (mural painting below)

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