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US' Crimea Declaration supported by EU, other countries NATO responds to Russian military buildup in Black Sea

U.S. issues ['Crimea Declaration' rejecting Russia's annexation](#). [London](#) and [Norway support U.S. declaration](#) on Crimea, as well [as the EU](#). [Estonian Foreign Minister welcomes it](#).

[Russian military build-up in Black Sea leads to increased presence of NATO ships in the region](#).

[NATO and Ukrainian navy warships hold PASSEX exercise](#).

Unlawful checks of vessels in Sea of Azov continue: [Russians stop for inspection Dutch ship en route to Mariupol](#) port.

Ukraine marks [1030th anniversary of Kyivan Rus-Ukraine Christianization](#).

[Constantinople Patriarch denies Moscow's claims](#)

for Kyiv's legacy.

Petro Poroshenko: [Tomos of Autocephaly will complete the consolidation of independence](#) of Ukraine.

[Ukraine NOW brand](#) presented in London.

[Canada to provide Ukraine with \\$50 million](#) annually during 5 years.

[Russian Orthodox Church](#) in Ukraine marks Christianization of Kyivan Rus.

On the eve of his trial, a deeper look into [how Paul Manafort elected Ukraine's President Yanukovich](#).

[Yanukovich lawyers sabotage debate in his case through non-attendance](#), ask Supreme Court to change jurisdiction.

Left: Church diplomacy: [Kyiv between Moscow and Constantinople](#).
Right: About [65,000 people participate in religious procession](#) of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate



The 2019 election, renovation of political elites, and Donbas The Democracy of Theatre

Prisoners of state secrecy: [how Russia aborted its "archival revolution"](#).

A German political scientist Andreas Umland: [Will the 2019 elections and the renovation of political elites in Ukraine help to resolve a Donbas issue?](#)

How [corrupt oligarchic lobbying by a Russian monopoly on Ukraine's electricity market is destroying the country's energy security](#) and making Ukrainians pay more for energy than they should.

The [Democracy of Theatre](#). Is there a place for pluralism and tolerance on Ukrainian stages?

Russia changes tactics in blocking Azov Sea

Ukraine adopts strategy on information reintegration of Donbas

Russia changes its behavior in the Azov Sea by starting to [detain foreign ships coming through the Kerch Strait](#).

"Do you see where they shoot at us from? Send the birdie," – [Ukrainian troops destroy Russian terrorists' fire nest](#). (Video)

Ukraine [adopts strategy on information reintegration of Donbas](#). The goal of the strategy is to provide full access to Ukrainian info to residents in the occupied territories.

[UN Peacekeeping Mission to Donbas discussed in Berlin](#). The representatives of Ukraine, Germany, France and Russia continue defining the basic principles of a peacekeeping operation in the conflict zone.

[Russia tries everything to blacken reputation](#) of White Helmets.

Ukraine's shield and sword: [defense industry's](#)

[main achievements in 2017](#). Part V.

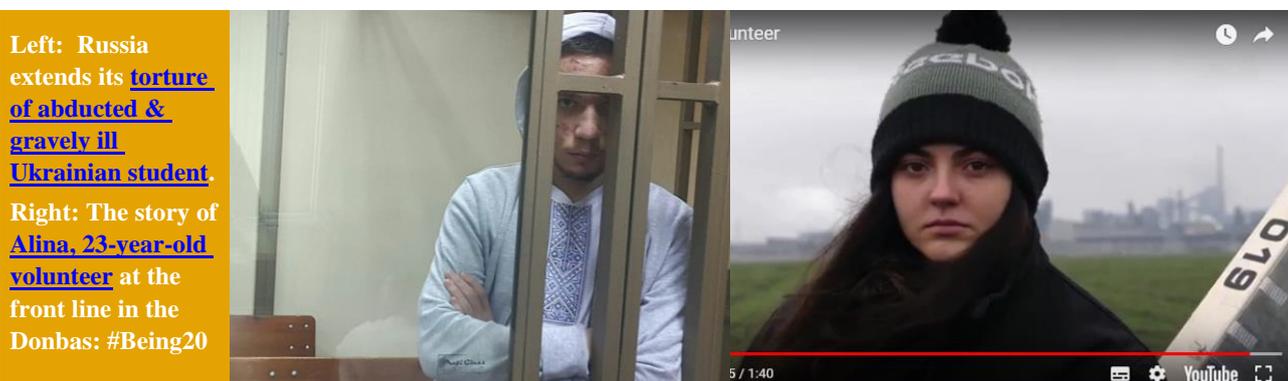
[Russia hushes up its losses in Ukraine, Syria](#), - SBU discloses identities of Wagner mercenaries.

[Investigation of Savchenko-Ruban case to be completed within next 10 days](#), main military prosecutor says.

[Volunteer soldier Ulianov sets himself on fire](#) during rally outside Defense Ministry.

The story of [Aliona, journalist in the war zone](#): #Being20.

Sergei [Loznitsa](#): "War was looming over us like a sword. The city of Kryvyi Rih where we shot Donbas isn't so far from there... And while we were shooting, the bodies of a few Ukrainian troops were brought to the city to be buried. This is all terrible." Highly-acclaimed film director Sergei Loznitsa talks about Ukraine's East, explains why art cannot be apolitical, and shares the challenges he faced while working on the "Donbas" movie.



Ukraine to provide support to families of political prisoners

Risks rise as Sentsov's hunger strike enters 75th day

[Ukraine to provide support to families of political prisoners](#) held in Russia and Crimea.

Risks rise as [Sentsov's hunger strike enters 75th day](#).

Russia [forced to retract insane charges against tortured Ukrainian, yet jail him](#) for 8.5 years anyway.

Crimean Tatar political prisoner threatened with more [charges for not helping the FSB persecute others](#).

Ukrainian [gets double sentence for 'hostility to Russia'](#) over annexation of Crimea.

[Russia tackled at the UN over torture](#) in occupied Crimea.

'[Preliminary](#)' terrorization of civic activists and lawyers in occupied Crimea.

[Political conflict brewing](#) in occupied Sevastopol.

Ukraine identifies [9,000 Crimean law enforcers who broke oath of office](#).

[Russia continues to evict and deport Ukrainian citizens](#) from Crimea.

[Sevastopol residents oppose pension reform](#) of Russia.

Invaders in Crimea [prosecute children who removed Russian flag from village council](#).

[Stalin era fate for Donbas militants](#) who lose Russian support.

IMF backs Ukraine anti-corruption court plan

Small-scale privatization launched on ProZorro.Sale system

Week's balance: delay with pensions, gas tariff freeze, and privatization restart.

International politics, 1030th anniversary of the baptism of Rus, Ukrainian political prisoners and more – [Weekly Update on Ukraine #67, July 23 – 30](#).

[Small-scale privatization through ProZorro.Sale system](#) launched in Ukraine.

[IMF backs Ukraine anti-corruption court plan](#).

[NBU revises tariffs](#) on own services and operations.

[Probe into Onyshchenko's 'gas case' completed](#): fraud caused losses worth about 1.6B hryvnia, - NABU.

Higher qualifications and disciplinary commission [considers dismissal of top anti-corruption prosecutor](#).

Ukraine's main [anti-corruption prosecutor keeps office despite gross violations of professional ethics](#).

[Healthcare reform](#): Almost 14 mln Ukrainians already signed declarations with doctors.

[Energy Efficiency Fund officially registered](#) as state agency.

Almost [90% of Ukrainians support renewable energy](#) – survey.

[Slovenia starts construction of solar power station](#) in Zhytomyr.

Tetra Tech awarded [\\$85 mln contract by USAID to support enhanced energy security](#) in Ukraine.

The Embassy of Austria in Ukraine supports the [Poroshenko's decision to veto the law on the ban on fire wood export](#), noting that Ukraine should comply with its international obligations.

[93 new centers for administrative services opened](#) in Ukraine this year.

Number of [illegal migrants in Ukraine grows by 22%](#).

Left: Ukraine's [anti-corruption efforts save \\$6 billion annually](#): Report. Right: More than half of Ukrainians ([63 percent](#)) say they are happy, 10 percent more compared to last year.



Antonov strikes deal with Boeing, revives business

Preply raises \$4 million to teach young professionals

First Vice Prime Minister - Minister for Economic Development and Trade Stepan Kubiv presents a [new mechanism that supports the creation and use of inventions \(utility models\) and industrial designs](#).

Three Polish funds have [invested in Ukrainian startup CallPage worth PLN 17 million](#) (nearly \$4.5 million).

[Antonov strikes deal with Boeing](#), revives business,

creates jobs.

[Preply raises \\$4 million to teach young professionals](#) how to conduct business in 40 languages.

Ukrainian-founded [3D body scanning startup attracts \\$1 million](#) from international investors.

After Apple Store success, Ukrainian [gadget-maker Conceptor switches to consulting](#).

Left: [900-year-old relic found](#) under church floor in Busk, Lviv Oblast
Right: [VIII-III centuries BC: Excavations of Scythian settlement](#) kick off in Poltava region.



25th International Hutsul Festival underway

World #5 Ukrainian tennis player Svitolina refuses to play in Moscow

25th International [Hutsul Festival](#) underway in transcarpathia.

Annual [festival of Ukrainian culture held in Ottawa](#).

Memorable architecture of Lutsk: [Lubart's Castle](#).

Ukrainian [mountain biker wins at the 2018 MTB European Championships](#).

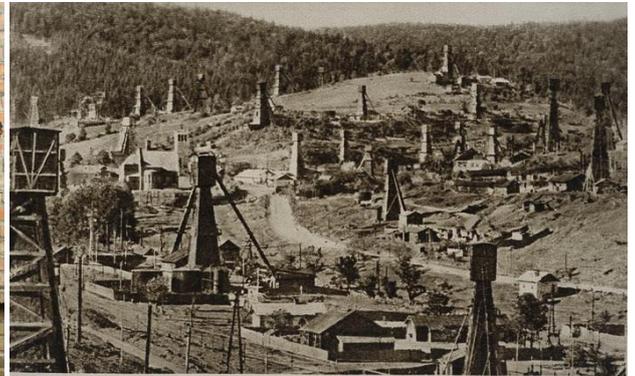
World #5 Ukrainian tennis player [Svitolina chooses not to go to Moscow tournament](#).

Ukraine's sabre fencer Olga [Kharlan tops International Fencing Federation's ranking](#).

Huge [mushroom weighing almost 18 kg found](#) in Kyiv region.

Left: Kharkivites produce amazing [techno masks out of junk](#).

Right: [Oil extraction in the early 1910s in Boryslav](#), Western Ukraine



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