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### Ukraine celebrates Independence Day

#### New US sanctions against Russia

[Ukraine celebrates Independence Day](#). It was a long road to independence.

President Petro Poroshenko marks Ukraine's Independence Day by announcing a military parade in Kyiv that his country "[has cut all ties with the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union](#)."

[U.S. diplomats congratulate Ukrainians](#) on Independence Day with folk songs, while [British diplomats dance](#).

Ukraine [honors Senator John McCain](#). The senator was one of Ukraine's biggest advocates in the United States Congress.

New US sanctions against Russia. [Sanctions hit key parts of Russia's aviation and oil and gas sectors](#), among others.

Klimkin: [Nord Stream 2 will leave Ukraine without gas transit](#), despite Kremlin's guarantees.

White House National Security Adviser John [Bolton called on Ukraine and European nations to be less reliant on Russia for energy](#) and urged them to find alternative sources of natural gas.

When facts become interpretations: [Russian propaganda ten years since the war with Georgia](#).

[Moscow's 'little green men' stage provocation in Moldova](#), republic's Defense Minister says.

[Compensation for Soviet occupation of Latvia and Estonia](#) may be recovered from Russia. Tallinn and Riga are exploring the possibility of presenting a claim for damages.

[Judge heavily implicated in persecuting Maidan activists chosen](#) to sit on trial of ex-President Yanukovich.

[Manipulation](#): Ukraine supplying weapons to China behind America's back.

Left: Military gear adapted to NATO standards and other novelties at [Ukraine's Independence Day Parade](#).

Right: [Units from ten NATO countries and Javelins in military parade on Independence Day](#)



### Caspian Sea agreement gives Russia opportunity in Azov Sea Kyiv moves to restore pre-Soviet Ukrainian spellings

[Kyiv moves to restore pre-Soviet Ukrainian spellings](#), infuriating Moscow.

If [Russia isn't forced to return Crimea to Ukraine, major war](#) becomes inevitable, Skobov says.

[Russia betting on internal conflict](#) in Ukraine.

[Clarity on Caspian has given Russia the](#)

[opportunity to control Sea of Azov](#), Moscow commentator says.

Five [lessons for today from the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact](#).

[Stalin's terror famine killed Ukrainians at twice the rate](#) of other nationalities, HURI study says.

## Ukrainian forces liberate several more settlements in Donbas

### Russia detains more than 150 foreign ships in Azov Sea

Aug 27. [Russian-led forces fire mortars at village](#) in Donbas, residential house damaged. Two Ukrainian soldiers, three separatists [killed in fighting](#).

Trilateral [contact group agrees on ceasefire](#). Russian delegation ignores main question raised by the Ukrainian side: the exchange of Ukrainian political prisoners for 36 Russian citizens.

Ukrainian Armed Forces [liberate several more settlements in Donbas](#) – Tymchuk.

[Russia has detained more than 150 foreign ships](#) in the Azov Sea.

[Ex-chief of Ukrainian Navy warns of "worst-case scenario" over Russia's actions in Azov Sea](#). According to Haiduk, Russia is implementing a strategy of chaos in the Sea of Azov and is meticulous, step by step.

Identified: ten “little green men” in black berets [who took part in the occupation of Crimea](#).

[Aide of Ukrainian Prime Minister goes on trial](#) as alleged Russian spy.

The story of [Roman, ex-soldier who teaches children courage](#) / #Being20.

[Children of fallen Ukrainian defenders to spend vacation](#) in Vienna.

[New social protections for military](#). The law will ensure a comprehensive settlement of social protections for Donbas vets.

[Ukraine's air shield: Taking off to 21st century](#). In recent years, the Ukrainian Air Force, together with the defense industry, has been actively upgrading its fleet of combat and transport planes and helicopters, as well as air defense systems. Today, Ukraine's designers and manufacturers are ready to take the next step and move on to creating new weapons.

[UK and UA discuss joint arms](#) production.

Left: [A Crimean Tatar poet is being investigated by Russia-installed officials for "rehabilitating Nazism" in her antiwar writings](#).

Right: [Moscow has closed the Kerch Straits to Ukrainian shipping](#), Kyiv expert says



## Visa and MasterCard leaving occupied Crimea

### Will Crimean Tatar face prison for antiwar poem?

The [United States of America has called upon the Russian Federation to immediately release](#) Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov.

[UK calls for immediate release](#) of Oleg Sentsov. [Canada](#) calls on Russia to release Sentsov.

'[Free Sentsov](#)': supporters mark 100th day of hunger strike.

Activists with poster [in support of Sentsov detained at Moscow Red Square](#).

Ominous new twist in Russia's [conveyor belt trial of six Ukrainian political prisoners](#).

Remember Ukrainians [jailed by Russia, tortured and murdered for Ukraine's National Flag](#).

[Russia's FSB needs Ukrainian 'saboteurs'](#) in occupied Crimea – fictitious ones will do.

Imprisoned Donetsk [journalist Aseyev tortured](#) for Russian propaganda TV 'confession'.

[Visa and MasterCard leaving occupied Crimea](#). The last bank, issuing cards of international payment systems, ceased services.

[All beaches in Yalta closed](#) over infection.

## Impact of foreign direct investment on Ukraine's economy

### Ukraine ranks first in Europe for honey production

Week's balance: New debt strategy, growth of industrial output, and turbulence in forex market.

EU's assistance in Donbas, 27th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence, new US sanctions and more – Weekly Update on Ukraine #68, August 20 – 27.

Zubko: 70 regional projects funded by EU to be implemented in Ukraine.

Ukraine increases poultry meat exports to EU by 80%.

Ukraine on August 7 gained full membership to the Metre Convention and became one of its 60 member states. Ukraine had the status of associate member for 16 years.

Healthcare interventions in Ukraine: How to decide what would be good value-for-money?

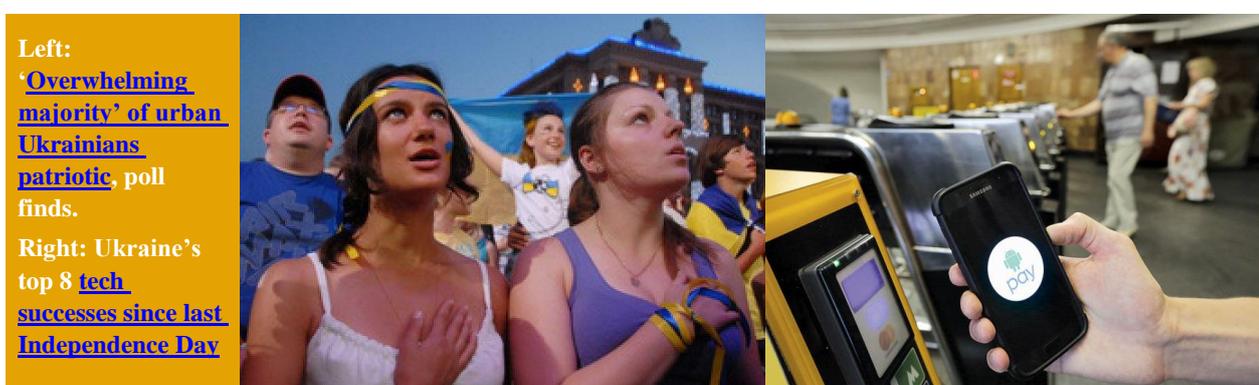
Price of openness: what is the impact of foreign direct investment on Ukraine's economy.

The five whales. What are the economic heft and special features of Ukraine's biggest cities?

Ukraine ranks first in Europe for honey production – FAO.

Born Independent: the life of a young leader in Green Energy.

Born Independent: Dana Pavlychko, the youngest book publisher in Ukraine.



Left: 'Overwhelming majority' of urban Ukrainians patriotic, poll finds.

Right: Ukraine's top 8 tech successes since last Independence Day

## The city of Dnipro building innovative industrial park

### New plant makes energy from garbage

The city of Dnipro is to build an industrial park, Innovation Forpost, on 61.4 hectares with UAH 2.7 billion in investment.

European Vega launch vehicle with Ukrainian engine successfully puts ESA's Earth Explorer Aeolus satellite into orbit.

Swedish investment firm Vostok New Ventures

(VNV) invests \$4 million in Busfor.ua, an online bus ticketing platform.

Ukrainian startups: CiviMobile, Gravitech.net, Noplug.

New plant makes energy from garbage.

Left: Carpathian Bear [annual powerlifting championships](#) held in Uzhgorod

Right: [Night at Lutsk Castle](#) will be held on September 8th.



## 10 Ukrainian sport stars you'll never forget

### Kyiv-based music video wins at MTV Video Music Awards

[Kyiv-based music video wins at MTV Video Music Awards](#). The video shows the Rybna Bridge, the Grishko Botanical Garden and Victory Park.

The [Magical Ukrainian Myth Flower Exhibition](#). Over 200,000 flowers used in the exhibition.

[\\$36 million for Ukrainian cinema](#).

[Lviv on list of top 100](#) tourist cities.

Kyiv authorities sum up [results of Tourist Season](#).

10 [Ukrainian sport stars](#) you'll never forget.

[Wiesenberg](#): shadows of Galician Germany.

Left, centre: [The Hutsul Secession in Lviv](#): combining folk architecture with Art Nouveau  
Right: Vinnytsa museum receives precious [artifacts dating back to the 5th century at the time of the Great Migration](#)



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