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Russia loses battle for PACE: [resolution allowing sanctions to be lifted fails vote](#).

[Nord Stream-2 pipeline threatens EU](#) – Duda.

Germany is acting against the interest of the rest of the EU.

[Ecumenical Patriarchate grants autocephaly to Ukraine](#).

Prayers answered: [Ukrainians greet church split with open arms](#), despite Moscow's warnings.

Kyiv Patriarchate urges Ukraine's church heads to get ready for [special unification council](#).

['We don't want confrontation': Ukraine's Patriarch Filaret on split with Russian Orthodox Church](#).

[Russian Orthodox Church breaks ties with Constantinople Patriarchate over Ukraine](#).

"Russia to protect interests of Orthodox faithful," - [Kremlin vows to intervene in Ukraine's local church creation](#).

Ukraine speaks [at UN about Russia's militarization of Crimea](#).

[Russia's attempts to use situation in Transcarpathia dangerous for whole of Europe](#) – Klimkin.

Bellingcat: second [Novichok suspect also honored by Putin as 'Hero of Russia'](#).

Lukashenko tells Putin's new man in Minsk: ['Belarus will not ever be part of Russia'](#).

[Russia attempting to provoke Dutch and UK Marines in Arctic Circle](#).

[Hungarian NGO spreading fake news about persecution of national minorities in Ukraine](#).

Left: [Clear Sky-2018 drills](#): pilots practice airstrikes, interception.

Right: Kyiv holds mass [prayer to celebrate Ukrainian Orthodox Church's independence](#)



A short guide to Ukrainian church independence

Ukrainians prefer comedian to current president and other poll insights

Tomos ante portas: a [short guide to Ukrainian church independence](#).

[When even atheists pray](#): Ukraine one step away from being autocephalous church.

[Constantinople decision on Ukrainian Church](#) truly has global consequences.

[What comes next as Ukrainian Orthodox Church pushes for independence from Moscow?](#)

[Putin elite can't retain power and property without another war](#), Pastukhov says.

[Russia hasn't formed a modern civic nation but rather an imperial one](#), Portnikov says.

[Russian private military companies proliferate](#) 'to make money on war'.

Ukrainians prefer comedian to current president and other [insights from pre-election polls](#).

Declassified [Soviet documents related to persecution of Ukrainian dissidents](#). Wiretapping, surveillance, and provocations were some of the methods used.

OSCE catches Russia bringing weapons into Donbas

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Oct.15. [Militants fire at Ukrainian military 23](#) times. Four Ukrainian soldiers were injured.

OSCE catches [Russia bringing anti-aircraft gun, other military hardware by night](#) to Donbas.

Experts discover [new evidence of presence of Russian military hardware in Donbas](#).

Huge [ammunition depot 120 km away from Kyiv on fire](#), 12,000 evacuated.

Arms [depot near Ichnia contained 69,500 tonnes of munitions](#), including 43,000 tonnes ready for use, - Ukraine's defense minister.

[Ukrainian soldiers retake village in Donbas](#) used by Russian-led forces as firing-point.

[New Russian cyber attack on Ukraine foiled](#). This time information and telecommunication systems of Ukraine were the targets.

Over [50 percent of Ukrainians ready to defend their homeland](#) with lethal force, – survey.

[Quarter of Ukrainian IDPs suffer from depression, few get help](#).

Poroshenko signs [law on providing IDPs with social housing](#).

Invictus Games [athlete – life after loss of both legs](#). A series of stories about para-athletes who have proven that even the ravages of war cannot break their spirits.

Hero of Donetsk Airport, [Invictus team captain](#).

The [strongest Ukrainian man trains veterans in Kyiv](#). It was part of an event gathering wounded veterans from Ukraine, Poland, and the United States.

[Manipulation](#): Poroshenko orders open fire in Donbas.

[Fake](#): Dnipro on the Verge of Russian World.

Russian sociological centers [study Belarus like Ukraine before the war](#).

Left: 'Everything was exploding': Ukrainians recount [panic to escape massive munitions fire](#).

Right: [Black Sea gas deposits](#) –overlooked reason for Russia's occupation of Crimea



Sentsov among 2018 Sakharov Prize finalists

Putin aide promises Donbas militants higher 'pay', help with 'elections'

[Sentsov among 2018 Sakharov Prize](#) finalists.

Volodymyr [Balukh, a pro-Ukrainian activist jailed in Russian-controlled Crimea, has suspended a months-long hunger strike](#) pending his expected transfer to a prison in Russia.

Residents of [Russian-occupied Armiansk complain about new chemical leaks](#), doctors recommend leaving town.

[Threats of prosecution to silence protest](#) over new toxic emissions from Crimean Titanium factory.

Russia [fights Crimean Solidarity with long prison sentences](#) and shattered childhoods.

38 of the 46 [Ukrainian Orthodox churches in Crimea forced to close](#) by Russian occupiers.

Invaders [destroying Crimean vineyards](#).

Staffing crisis: Sevastopol "government" figured out [how to deal with mass quitting](#).

[Putin aide promises Donbas militants higher 'pay' and help with 'elections'](#) that breach Minsk Agreement.

Ukraine and UK working on free trade

First mobile resource center for inclusive education created in Ukraine

[Week's balance](#): IMF's negative outlook, falling oil prices, and pleasant forex news.

Ukraine was among the first six countries that [took part in the Human Capital Index pilot project of the World Bank Group](#).

[First mobile resource center for inclusive education](#) created in Ukraine.

[GDP in Ukraine surpassing expectations](#). Ukraine's GDP expected to grow by 3.5 percent rather than 3.2 percent.

[Inflation in September exceeds](#) NBU's forecast.

Ukrainian [reforms in agriculture](#). The state offers big incentives for agriculture workers.

[Ukraine reduces gas imports](#) from EU by almost 25% from EU by almost 25% compared with the corresponding period last year due to significant

gas reserves in the underground storage facilities.

[Ukraine and UK working on free trade](#). The United Kingdom also remains committed to sanctions on Russia.

Next year the government plans to allocate about [\\$70 million on energy efficiency](#).

Ukroboronprom, the association of Ukrainian military-industrial complex enterprises, negotiates [on expansion of military cooperation with United States](#).

Not by IKEA and H&M alone - [which other brands to enter the Ukrainian market?](#)

Left: Kyiv hosts Ukraine's largest annual [Arms and Security exhibition, Aviasvit XXI aerospace display](#).
Right: Quiet revolution: [how Ukraine became the champion of digital work](#). Where, how and why work Ukrainian IT-freelancers.



Kharkiv IT industry volume is second in Ukraine

EU and EBRD back 6 Ukrainian-founded clean energy projects

Android Sofia in Kyiv shared her impressions about Ukraine. The [Angel Vest private equity fund intends to invest](#) in Ukraine.

Research reveals [Kharkiv IT industry volume is second](#) in Ukraine.

[EU and EBRD back 6 Ukrainian-founded clean energy projects](#).

BIOsens offers [rapid diagnostics for food safety](#).

Left: [Ukraine, Italy strengthen cooperation](#) in polar research
Right: [Diana Yastremska wins WTA tournament.](#)



Ukrainians promote Zaporozhian Cossack heritage

Record-breaking number of runners at Kyiv City Marathon

[Children's lit at Frankfurt Book Fair.](#) Ukrainian illustrators represent at the fair.

First [International Sculpture Symposium.](#) The symposium honored Oleksandr Arkhypenko, who laid the foundations for oriental cubism.

American actor, bodybuilder and former California's governor Arnold [Schwarzenegger visited the Ukrainian capital.](#)

Ukrainians promote Zaporozhian Cossack heritage. They practice [combat hopak and dress](#)

[like traditional Cossacks.](#)

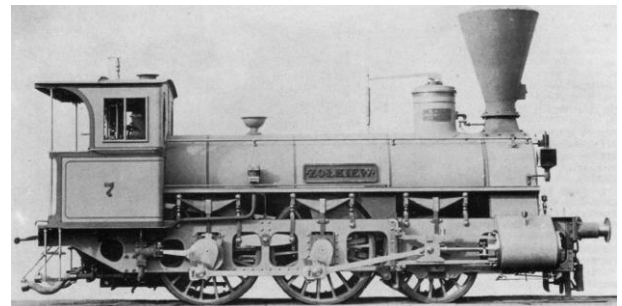
This year the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation will grant [UAH 160 million to support 298 cultural and art projects.](#)

[Balaklava Blues blasts Kyiv with Electric-Folk Fusion.](#) The Canadian electro-folk band Balaklava Blues made a stop in Kyiv.

Record-breaking number of runners at [Kyiv City Marathon.](#) There were some 12,000 participants.

[Ukraine draws with Italy](#) in friendly.

Left: [The Hutsuls as depicted](#) by Teodor Axentowicz.
Right: [The Galician Railway](#) of 19th century



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