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Ukraine forms unified Orthodox Church.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople will hand over a decree granting independence to the local Orthodox Church in Ukraine on January 6.

An act of spiritual independence. On Ukraine’s first steps towards its national Orthodox Church by Rostyslav Pavlenko.

Profile of new Metropolitan of Kyiv and all Ukrainian Orthodox Churches Epiphanius.

Petro Poroshenko press-conference: Only two of ten 10 hierarchs of UOC MP, who signed the list to Ecumenichal Patriarch, managed to reach the Council.

United States and Canada express common position in support of Ukraine.

EU may close ports for Russian ships - amendment to resolution.

EU Parliament calls to stop NordStream2, impose sanctions if Russia doesn’t release captured sailors.

EU Council sanctions nine persons for sham “LDNR elections”: who they are.

Ukraine provides evidence of Russian violation of international law at UN.

When Moscow talks of ‘deep integration’ of Belarus, it means annexation, Lukashenka says.

How Russian propaganda denigrates Ukraine with disinformation.

Russian state TV caught using fake ‘disillusioned Ukrainian Maidan activist’.

Kerch incident proves Ukraine & NATO “prepare for war against Russia” – Russian propaganda in Czech & Hungarian media.

StopFake #214 with Marko Suprun. Fake: Moscow Patriarchate church in Vinnytsia seized. NATO brigade arrives in Donbas. Ukrainian security forces on western payroll.

Putin’s ‘Russian world’ continues to contract

Why Europe’s security depends on a strong response to Russia

‘A church without Putin, without Kirill, and without prayers for the aggressor’.

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Putinism – a greater threat to humanity than anything the West has faced before, Yakovenko says.

Kremlin’s targeting of messages makes ‘ideology of hybrid war’ more effective and dangerous than Soviet predecessor, Eidman says.

Europeans will continue or even boost sanctions on Russia even though many don’t want to, Portnikov says.

Putin regime is a crime syndicate masquerading as a state – Interview with Brian Whitmore.

Why Europe’s security depends on a strong response to Russia, immediately.

24 years ago, Moscow attacked Chechnya, triggering a war that changed everything.

When the League of Nations expelled the USSR for bombing Finland.
Female soldiers share experiences on frontlines
Commander of Russian-led terrorist forces eliminated

Seized Ukrainian naval commander refuses to give any testimony until Russia releases his men and recognizes them all as POWs.

**Yevhen Semydutskiy:** 20 yo Ukrainian sailor captured by Russia near Kerch Strait.

**Conflict in the Kerch Strait, Information War, and Destabilization of Ukraine by Informnapalm.**

**Ukraine forces "close Donbas sky" with S-300 systems.**

**Commander of Russian-led terrorist forces eliminated** in Donbas.

**Russia readies itself for Ukraine's "provocation"** by year-end, threatens with "retaliation".

Poroshenko: Medvedchuk de facto "Putin's representative" in Minsk talks.

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**Oleh Sentsov awarded Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought**
Crimean activist Edem Bekirov suffers inhumane conditions

The European Parliament has awarded imprisoned Ukrainian film director Oleh Sentsov its 2018 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought.

"It's doesn't matter when you die, but how and for what," Sentsov’s address at Sakharov Prize ceremony.

Russia abducts one Ukrainian political prisoner, now INTERPOL is helping to arrest his friend.

Crimean Tatar lawyer Emil Kurbedinov released from detention center. People gathered from all over annexed Crimea to greet the public defender.

Arrested Crimean activist Edem Bekirov suffers inhumane conditions.

Russia jails disabled Crimean Tatar activist on grotesquely absurd charges.

Russia sentences Crimean to 14 years for 'revealing state secrets' to Ukraine 15 years ago.
Ukraine, EU sign four financial agreements
The ups and downs of Ukraine’s fight against corruption

Poroshenko’s press-conference, reaction of Moscow Patriarchate and more – uacrisis weekly update on Ukraine #83, 10-16 December.

Euromaidanpress last week’s highlights: Ukraine’s new church, Russian threat remains, Germany wants Nord Stream 2.

Week’s balance: Failure to sell Centrenergo, Nasirov’s reinstatement, and higher heating tariffs.

Ukraine, EU sign four financial agreements for energy efficiency projects; raising the skills of employees of government agencies; the modernization of the vocational education system; and, the promotion of contacts between people from the EU and Ukrainian society.

CEPEJ president: Ukraine demonstrates unprecedented level of transparency in judicial reform.

Poroshenko Sunday press conference summary.

Government completes reforming 8 pilot ministries – Sayenko.

Court reinstates Ukraine’s highest-profile corruption suspect as Fiscal Service chief.

Government to appeal against ruling reinstating Nasirov, - Cabinet’s representative to parliament Denysenko.

EU disburses 500M Euros in macro-financial assistance to Ukraine.

Environmental Performance Index: Ukraine leader among post-Soviet states.

Ukraine invests in Green Energy and Energy Efficiency. 238 certificates for professional auditors in spheres of energy efficiency certification and engineering survey have been issued till present day.

SBU names head of Russian NGO as person who ordered hits of activists in Kherson.

The ups and downs of Ukraine’s fight against corruption.

Ukrainian IT companies in top 500 global software providers
How much do Ukrainian game developers earn

Ukrainian IT companies are in the top 500 global software providers, along with IBM, Amazon and Apple.

How DreamTeam conducted ICO and received $5 million from Mangrove: interview with CEO Alexander Kokhanovskyy.

David Brown’s company launched Draftium, a service for website prototyping in 15 minutes.


Bank Lviv, German-Ukrainian fund sign agreement for 3M Euros.
Meet the winners of “Top 30 Under 30” of 2018

“Weightlifter” gets four awards at International Film Festival

BBC Ukraine Book of the Year Winners: Yuriy Andrukhovych, Sashko Dermanskiy and Andriy Bondar.

The winners of the mini-project competition for the museums of Donetsk and Luhansk regions in the framework of the project “Under construction: Museum open”.

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Meet the winners of “Top 30 Under 30” of 2018 awarded to young Ukrainians achieving outstanding results in different fields.

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