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Petro Poroshenko proposed peace plan to deescalate the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine

In Donbas, the Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko presented the peace plan to deescalate the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine. Poroshenko gave Russia-backed militants 10 days to surrender. Read his official statement at <http://goo.gl/0pT2Rs>

Petro Poroshenko ordered UA troops in the east to cease fire on Friday night. At the same time a surge in separatist violence and Russia's direct involvement in the armed conflict provoked another round of US sanctions. <http://goo.gl/C8Nuq5>

Kremlin is against Poroshenko's peace plan. Read more at <http://goo.gl/nPYJLh>

Dmitry Tymchuk: Is a ceasefire a good idea? We know that this is a very serious political step. Ukrainian authorities are counting on the possibility to nevertheless settle the conflict in Donbas with a minimum of casualties. We know that this decision was made after a thorough analysis of the situation, taking into account intelligence data. Read more at <http://goo.gl/hdj3oR>

Ukrainian Armed Forces lost 156 soldiers during anti-terrorist operations in the east of Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/6bLnAK>

“Azov” Ukrainian battalion deputy commander reports Russian army troops have landed near Uspenka village in Donetsk region despite the cease fire announcement. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/SctOs8>

In a joint statement, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Defense of Ukraine reported on a violation of the truce by militants. “During just one night, on the 22nd of June, illegal armed formations carried out 11 attacks on the positions of Ukrainian Armed Forces”. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Bsao0J>

A law has been passed on June 19 which envisions up to 5 years of imprisonment for financing actions in breach of the Constitution aiming at changing Ukraine's borders and up to 7 years for funding attempts to seize power violently. Read more at <http://goo.gl/hfbwvt>

Despite the relentless propaganda and hate speech reported by the majority of Russian media, by no means all Russians have been taken in. Russians have been laying flowers in sorrow and remembrance of the servicemen downed by Kremlin-backed terrorists on June 14, with signs asking forgiveness “for Putin” and “for our duped people”. <http://goo.gl/b4P32g>

President Petro Poroshenko announced a 10-day cease fire to allow Russia-backed militants in the east of Ukraine to put down their weapons and leave the territory of Ukraine. See photos from the President's visit to the Donetsk region at <http://goo.gl/vpQeU>



War in the east of Ukraine – more casualties and human rights violations reported

Follow the timely updates about the situation in the East on the Radio Liberty web-page: <http://goo.gl/BN7aQZ>

Speaker of the Parliament Oleksandr Turchynov said that the operation on closing the Ukrainian-Russian border has almost been completed. <http://goo.gl/me9Ddi>

Another proof of the crimes of Putin in Ukraine: terrorists use a Russian heavy machinegun which has never been exported from Russia. See photos at <http://goo.gl/U6W2F1>

Russian tanks with Ukrainian markings massing at border. <http://goo.gl/4d7eT8>

Kremlin-backed militants in Donetsk have released the hostages taken when they seized the Evening Light Christian Rehabilitation Centre. The head of the centre, his assistant and 27 people who had been receiving help at the Centre appear to have been held in a basement without medical care. <http://goo.gl/OhQo5x>

A report suggests that local residents are being forced to share their flats with fighters of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic 'army'. Such cases are being reported in Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and several other cities, which are still under the control of the so called "DPR". <http://goo.gl/F4p0Z4>

Ukraine's Security Service reports that they caught a 52-year-old Russian mercenary near Sloviansk on June 20. He was recruited by an agent of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) – Russia's KGB-successor agency – to fight Ukrainian forces and was promised \$1,000 for every Ukrainian officer and \$300 for every soldier killed. <http://goo.gl/hbTAeC>

Journalist Igor Kornelyuk and sound engineer Anton Voloshin from the Russian state-owned TV channel Rossiya 24 are reported to have been killed on June 17 after being caught in mortar fire not far from Luhansk. Ukrainians unite in sadness and sympathy for the loss to their families. Russian government and state-controlled media are using the deaths of the journalists to create cynical propaganda. <http://goo.gl/apac64>

Read a collection of the 40 fabrications and intentional misrepresentations about Ukraine at <http://goo.gl/kMjlyE>

See another pool of faked videos and photos about Ukraine at <http://goo.gl/Rfr40q>

Ukraine's Arms Industry Is Both Prize and Problem for Putin. <http://goo.gl/1kkbO>

Heroic Ukrainian female officer Nadia Savchenko taken hostage by terrorists: <http://goo.gl/93Bwin>
Terrorist want to exchange Savchenko for 4 militants: <http://goo.gl/67qU4a>



UN report: law breaks down in militant-controlled Eastern Ukraine and in Crimea

Russian Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko on Thursday accused the United Nations of political bias over a report released a day earlier on the situation in eastern Ukraine, as the Foreign Ministry of Ukraine called on the OSCE to step in to help Ukrainian refugees. The report by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which stressed growing violence on the part of pro-Russian separatists, was "unfair and politicized," Matviyenko said. Read the complete story at <http://goo.gl/4ti8xG>

On 18 June 2014, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights issued a new report on Ukraine that describes the breakdown of law and order in the areas held by armed groups in the East of the country – with increasing evidence of abductions, detentions, torture, and killings – as well as a number of "worrying trends" emerging in Crimea. <http://goo.gl/MTdhK6>

70% of Ukrainians support early parliamentary elections

The Ukrainian Parliament endorses Poroshenko's nominations amid fresh fighting. Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko has received parliamentary backing for his nominations to several key posts in his new team. <http://goo.gl/eSIQIj>

70% of Ukrainians support early parliamentary elections – Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/C81EHL>

Ukraine's new Minister of Foreign Affairs is seen as bringing a sober style to Kyiv diplomacy. Klimkin, who was born in the Russian city of Kursk and studied in Moscow, assumes the post amid his country's greatest crisis since the fall of the Soviet Union. Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea territory in March, and Kyiv has sent federal forces into eastern Ukraine to battle armed pro-Russian separatists. <http://goo.gl/stvN7V>

Ukraine gets its own Janet Yellen. Valeriya Gontareva, who on June 19 became the first woman to head the

nation's central bank, will face the challenging task of meeting the overoptimistic expectations that the banking and investment community have of her. <http://goo.gl/gbovco>

Ukraine's united, divided churches. Churches have responded to Ukraine's crisis with prayers for peace and calls for reconciliation. The Ukrainian revolution showed a rare sign of unity among the country's religious groups. <http://goo.gl/i6Qfm4>

The Mezhyhirya compound, the residence of deposed president Yanukovich, sits on a beautiful plot of land on the Dnipro River outside Kyiv. Mr Yanukovich fled Mezhyhirya on February 22nd under the cover of night. Since then, it has become an open-air museum of the trappings of corruption: at weekends families stroll the manicured grounds and take pictures in front of Mr Yanukovich's vintage-car collection and ostrich zoo. <http://goo.gl/ITks7r>

On June 21 Ukrainians worldwide brought funeral wreaths to Russian Embassies to protest against Russian aggression in Ukraine. Read more at <http://goo.gl/qqVfC2>

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Europe must lead on gas dispute

Leonid Antonenko, counsel at Sayenko Kharenko law firm and a former EuroMaidan activist, is a major critic of Ukraine's corporate law as well as the country's lack of progress in weeding out corrupt officials from the former regime. <http://goo.gl/dYrQbs>

The failure of gas negotiations between Ukraine and Russia is a sign that the European Union just wanted to moderate rather than lead during the talks. The EU must show more leadership, writes DW's Ingo

Mannteufel. <http://goo.gl/Yy3TaU>

Separatists cause economic slump in Donbas. The armed conflict is taking a heavy toll on the economy in Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland. Infrastructure has been damaged, fewer product orders are coming in, and exports to Russia have slumped. <http://goo.gl/O0W3rC>

Current discussion: What if Putin invades Ukraine?

West has overslept on the situation in Crimea. Read about the international conference on totalitarian legacy in Prague at <http://goo.gl/0IUJNa>

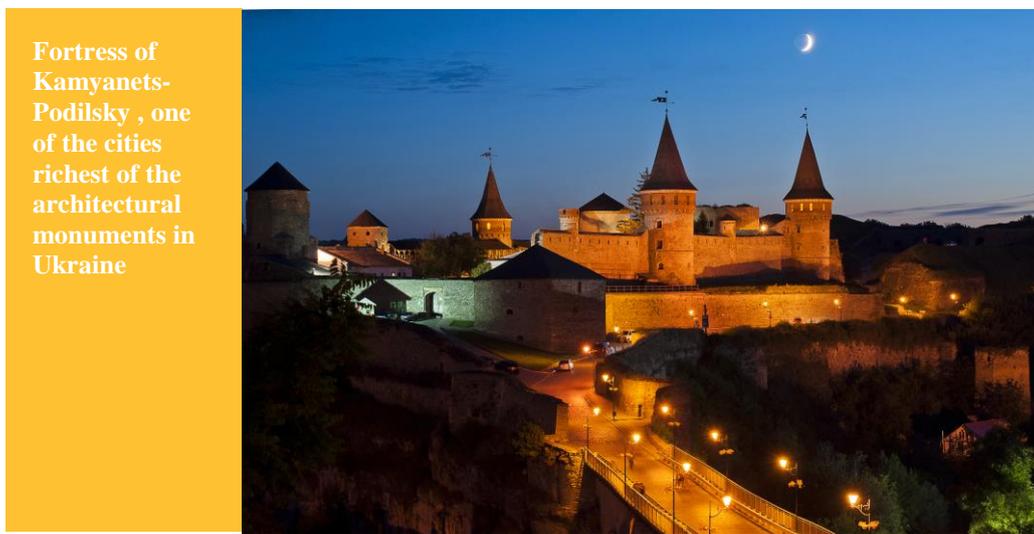
Ukraine: a new challenge. On 18 June at the Frontline Club (London), Bridget Kendall, diplomatic correspondent for BBC News, chaired a heated panel discussion on the current situation in Ukraine and the role of local and Russian media in the region. <http://goo.gl/2ibuxj>

Thoughts from Kyiv on Russian regime change. <http://goo.gl/xIUAUS>

What if Russia invades Ukraine? Despite the election

of Petro Poroshenko as Ukraine's president, the withdrawal of some Russian forces from Ukraine's border and efforts to move diplomacy along, the specter of a Kremlin military incursion remains as does the West's befuddlement about what to do should an attack occur. Read more at <http://goo.gl/IDkTiI>

Putin is behaving in Ukraine like Milosevic did in Serbia. Putin's tactics in Ukraine strikingly resemble Milošević's treatment of the so-called Greater Serbia region (the region with self-proclaimed pro-Serbian republics, partially located in modern-day Croatia) during the breakup of Yugoslavia. Read more at <http://goo.gl/7jxBU8>



Igor Sikorsky – the famous aircraft designer was Ukrainian

How Luhansk electricians became YouTube stars. <http://goo.gl/U6CQ9B>

Kamyanets-Podilsky is the sort of place that has writers lunging for their thesauruses in search of superlatives. Even words like 'dramatic', 'stunning' and 'breathtaking'

just will not do. <http://goo.gl/JoJqd1>

In 1913, the largest aircraft in the world at that time, the "Ilya Muromets", was developed by Igor Sikorsky with financing from Fedor Tereshchenko. <http://goo.gl/MNZ7qR> and <http://goo.gl/Je6GfI>

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