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Ukrainian Army Continues to Tighten the Ring

'Ukrainian Rebels' Aren't Ukrainian or Rebels

Map of the ATO Area: Terrorist Controlled Territory Can Be Cut in Three Parts - Ukrainian Army Continues to Tighten the Ring. <http://goo.gl/ht41nr>

Dmitry Tymchuk's military blog, July 31: Time to put an end to this blood-splattered circus in the East <http://goo.gl/dhUf1V>; August 1: Tales of betrayals <http://goo.gl/ryiBlc>

The Ukrainian military recaptured various cities across eastern Ukraine. The successful campaign has come at a high cost of civilian deaths and troop casualties. Watch the VICE news story by Simon Ostrovsky at <http://goo.gl/dyBkyZ>

In the blitz of media coverage since the MH17 crash, a handful of outlets continue to label the separatists fighting in Donetsk and Luhansk as "Ukrainian rebels." These men are neither "Ukrainian" nor "rebels." They are pro-Russian, yes. They are separatists. But these men are invaders — and they are not Ukrainians. <http://goo.gl/WazJB1>

A Russian armed forces soldier fighting in a terrorist group in eastern Ukraine has posted photos and video of himself online, documenting his victims among the Ukrainian military. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Yb3Q4u>

Girkin-Jugend: Russian Terrorists Give Guns to Children and Throw 15-year-olds into Battle. <http://goo.gl/pzRyKD>

While Russian-backed proxies openly wage war in eastern Ukraine, there are many other fields where Russia implicitly persists in formenting destabilization

in order to preserve its influence over Ukraine. Experts say Kremlin agents are embedded in Ukraine's security services, police, army, and parliament. An ongoing Russian trade and information war against Ukraine, as well as the constant threat of terrorist attacks, might contribute to more turmoil in the country. <http://goo.gl/MHkzUx>

Kremlin-armed militants use children as hostages: 40 children from a Luhansk children's home abducted by Kremlin-backed militants on Saturday are now back safe in Ukraine; however, militants are still refusing to allow the evacuation of other children with medical conditions from the area of fighting. According to the Ministry of Interior, there are 323 children, including at least 135 children with medical problems, who urgently need to be evacuated. <http://goo.gl/g7kZq6>

The latest report by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights documents how armed groups in eastern Ukraine "continue to abduct, detain, torture and execute people kept as hostages in order to intimidate" and "to exercise their power over the population in raw and brutal ways." <http://goo.gl/5m6qnc>

Slovyansk, recently retaken by the Ukrainian Army, has become a test of whether the central government in Kyiv can both win on the battlefield and win back the loyalties of its rebellious east. <http://goo.gl/Ei9o4P>

"They beat me. Kept me in the basement. Forced me to build roadblocks..." DPR slave found in Avdiivka. Watch video (Rus) at <http://goo.gl/UbW9Xa>

Ukraine's Heroes

Ukrainian soldier wounded in battle lifts spirits of all those around

Ukraine soldier who lost both hands in battle lifts the spirits of all those around him. <http://goo.gl/XOUgs3>

Casualties in Russia's war against Ukraine, as of July 31:

363 soldiers killed, **1,434** wounded
1,129 civilians killed, **3,442** injured
230,000 displaced persons from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and Crimea.
<http://goo.gl/TgiXKM>

Heroic special forces Captain Oleksandr Petrakivskyi needs 150 thousand Euros to save his life. <http://goo.gl/yAAmh0>

1 The Nadya Savchenko case: When a criminal trial involves a pilot taken captive by insurgents in one country and found imprisoned and facing serious criminal charges

in another, questions are inevitable. Russia has thus far proven unable to credibly explain how Savchenko came to be in Russian detention and to be charged with involvement in the deaths of a Russian journalist and cameraman. It is instead applying dubious tactics to ensure that the questions are either not asked or not heard. Not for the first time, Russian TV has been assigned a key role. <http://goo.gl/IBGYDP>

Doctors wearing bulletproof vests perform surgeries in mobile operating rooms and paint over the red crosses on their cars to avoid being singled out as targets. <http://goo.gl/65y7wo>

Ukrainian soliders in Luhansk after liberation from terrorists (video). <http://goo.gl/USXSMY>

Experts recover human remains at Ukraine crash site amid fighting

Russia fakes MH17 crash site satellite images

International experts found the remains of more victims of the downed Malaysian airliner in east Ukraine on Friday but fighting nearby between government forces and pro-Russian rebels renewed security concerns around the wreckage. The expert group, which Ukrainian authorities said numbered 101 people, was the largest to access the wreckage since Flight MH17 crashed in rebel-held territory on July 17. All 298 people aboard were killed. <http://goo.gl/ebfsrU>

BBC: Forensic expert team finds human remains. Read more at <http://goo.gl/2uqFgd>

Russia fakes MH17 crash site satellite images, says SBU. <http://goo.gl/VgtbbX>

OSCE experts state that as of August 1, they have

searched only one fifth of the crash site. Read more at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/tQVRHy>

No expert assessments, no black boxes, no findings by the U.S. intelligence are needed. This is the best proof that it was indeed the DNR (Donetsk People's Republic) macaque who downed the Malaysian Boeing over Donbas. Read more and watch videos at <http://goo.gl/MnAoIy>

StopFake: Russian news reports that the Netherlands accused Ukraine of lying about the downed Boeing-777. Read more at <http://goo.gl/nxLG0b>

Follow the latest news about the MH17 plane crash at <http://goo.gl/lxPDYn>

Poles stage flash mob: Eat an apple against Putin!

<http://goo.gl/nCiT5i>

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STOP THE WAR
EAT POLISH APPLES

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Ukraine struggles to find strategy to take back Crimea

Has Crimea been taken off the international agenda?

President Petro Poroshenko said his country "will not give up Crimea.": "Ukraine will use all methods that are at its disposal to defend its national interests".

<http://goo.gl/zY2wwy>

Crimea: March of the Tatars. Watch the VICE news story at <http://goo.gl/jGsEnG>

Keeping Crimea on the agenda. The EU and USA have finally come up with tougher sanctions. However, the question of what is to be negotiated and with whom arises again, while the Crimea is conveniently taken off the agenda. <http://goo.gl/Fge9bv>

A week after the chief editor of the Mejlis's newspaper "Avdet" received a summons over supposed complaints of 'extremism', the Crimea Foundation, the charitable arm of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, has also been summoned to account for its activities.

<http://goo.gl/khs2NZ>

To weaken the Crimean Tatars, Moscow is pushing a new multi-ethnic group in the Russian occupied peninsula. <http://goo.gl/BXkI40>

July 28, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights notes that none of its recommendations have been implemented in the Crimea at present under Russian occupation. All issues remain ongoing, in particular "harassment and discrimination against ethnic Ukrainians, Crimean Tatars, representatives of religious minorities, minority groups in general, and activists who opposed the so-called 16 March 'referendum' in Crimea". <http://goo.gl/AuPOaB>

Ukraine can demand the global arrest of ships which have entered Crimean ports. <http://goo.gl/91ksPO>

Yatsenyuk survives confidence vote in parliament, remains Prime Minister

Arseniy Yatsenyuk will remain Ukraine's Prime Minister after members of parliament voted during a special meeting on July 31 not to accept his resignation. Yatsenyuk announced his resignation on July 24 after the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform (UDAR) and Svoboda factions left the ruling coalition in parliament, opening the way for snap parliament elections in the fall. Yatsenyuk was also infuriated with lawmakers' refusal to vote for a number of key economic draft laws proposed by the government, including those required by the International Monetary Fund to receive financial assistance.

<http://goo.gl/vPOQXz>

Faced by war, parliament approves emergency laws to raise \$1 billion. <http://goo.gl/xgixdc>

Should the economy be restored, according to Fisher, the banking system will similarly revive itself "in the attraction of deposits and lending to corporate and retail

sectors," but Ukraine most importantly needs to make "solid progress and address its many problems of budget, trade deficit, corruption, prioritization of investment, and get international capital investors coming back." <http://goo.gl/lgrk9i>

Ukraine's important steel sector is being rocked by the violence in the east, with the crisis sparking fears that exports to neighbouring Russia could fall 50 percent this year. Steel-making is centred in the conflict-torn regions of Luhansk and Donetsk where many factories, mills and mines have been forced to stop work. Steel makes up about 15 percent of the economy of Ukraine, which last year ranked as the world's fifth-biggest exporter. <http://goo.gl/jHvPta>

The Kyiv Oblast Commercial Court ruled on July 30 to terminate the lease for 2.64 hectares of prime state-owned hunting grounds that fugitive ex-President Viktor Yanukovich and his associates kept for their personal use. <http://goo.gl/uBS6Ao>

Left: 30.07. Ukrainians in 9 Ukrainian cities organized street action to remind authorities that "the unpunished evil is growing!" <http://goo.gl/UBYN18>; (fotos, Ru) <http://goo.gl/QM75W1>

Right: Yevgeiy Chichvarkin, Russia businessman in exile, gave interview to the British Bloomberg wearing Ukrainian t-shirt saying "Freedom or Death"



The Changing Equation of Escalation

Kyiv, not the Kremlin, is now writing the political narrative of the region.

David is right to defy Goliath with his slingshot – despite the menace of armored Russian troops massing once again on Ukraine's eastern border, mounting evidence that Russian troops are firing artillery from Russian territory onto Ukrainian military positions in Ukraine, and an accelerated flow of Russian weapons to separatists in the region. <http://goo.gl/kk0Hzm>

Timothy Garton Ash: A century on, the first world war is still being played out. From Ukraine to Syria these wars are a legacy of the 1914 clash of empires and the patchwork territories left behind. <http://goo.gl/AXSQwh>

There is no guarantee that Putin will back down. His popularity is at an all-time high, and Ukraine is too important a price for him to give up now. Yet that is exactly why the West needs to protect its allies and offer as much support as possible to those Eastern neighbors that want to pursue a Western political and economic course. Otherwise, Ukraine and the remains of Europe's weakened credibility

will be lost. <http://goo.gl/b9Oel6>

The success of Putinism will depend a great deal on the success of Putin and Russia under him. If he triumphs in Ukraine, turning it into a basket case that eventually comes begging to Moscow, he will look like a winner. If Ukraine succeeds outside of Russia's orbit and the Russian economy continues to weaken, Putin might find himself presiding over a globally isolated Siberian petro-state. <http://goo.gl/jJwVHj>

Ukraine's Own Worst Enemy. Why Corruption Is More Dangerous than Putin. <http://goo.gl/WULpYE>

The End of Vladimir Putin. Could the war in Ukraine bring down the Kremlin? <http://goo.gl/oUGZUI>

Opinion: "Russian Czars, Commissars and a President" from Askold S. Lozynskyj. <http://goo.gl/wWO4xn>

Russian anti-government protests scheduled for August

Novosibirsk, Kaliningrad, Yekaterinburg ... Who's next? Russian anti-Putin protests have begun synchronizing their activities in different regions of Russia. Social networks and mass media reported that a Protest March for the Federalization of Siberia would take place in Novosibirsk on August 17, under the slogan "Stop feeding Moscow!"
Read more at <http://goo.gl/F0PI9P>

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Ukrainian writer receives German prize

Notable Ukrainian writer Yuriy Andrukhovych received the German Hannah Arendt Prize for Political Thought this year. <http://goo.gl/NVL7Ho>

Lviv, wonder of western Ukraine. See amazing photos at <http://goo.gl/oENVVs>

Left: Odesa modern art – The Warrior of Light.

Centre: Anti-terrorists underground art in occupied Donetsk. See more photos at: <http://goo.gl/0IZnAU>



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