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Decommunization is an investment in Ukraine's future US and Ukraine start military training, defy Russian fury

Decommunization is an investment in our future. The main goal of the laws is to show that a regime that violates human rights does not have a chance in Ukraine. We close the door to a revanchism of the soviet past, as we see in the "DNR" and "LNR" separatist projects in the Donbas. *A.Kohut*. <http://goo.gl/atOXiH>

"Russia has deployed an information army inside television, radio and newspapers throughout Europe". Chairman Ed Royce's opening statement at the hearing on #Russia's weaponization of information. (Video) <http://goo.gl/xcX6VL>

Greece's defense minister told journalists that "the Greek population in Crimea had been subject to attacks by the fascist government of Ukraine, and the presence of Russian forces became a defense for Greek families." *Kremlin's five top lies about Ukraine, April 13-19*. <http://goo.gl/xonaLP>

The US and Ukraine started joint military training, defying Russia's opposition. <http://goo.gl/Ex9IPZ>

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that the Government of Canada will provide significant additional military resources to help train and build the capacity of Ukrainian forces personnel. <http://goo.gl/EyoV9O> The country will send 200 military trainers who will help conduct low-risk operations at bases in western Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/z4WJ2W>

Pro-Russian Figures Killed In Ukraine. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko blamed the two deaths on the country's "enemies" who are trying to "discredit the political choice of the Ukrainian people." Russian President Vladimir Putin referred specifically to Buzyna's death in a televised call-in show on April 16, describing it as a "political assassination." <http://goo.gl/nK5S9X> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/uJjirh>

Left: 17.04. Kramatorsk, Donetsk region, topples Lenin monument (Video, Ukr/Rus) <http://goo.gl/jaTpi>

Right: Oleksander Usyk, the undefeated Ukrainian boxer from Crimea notorious for colorful performances with a high dose of patriotism, beat Russia's Andrei Knyazev in an eighth round technical knockout in front of an emotional crowd in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/UKeeEV>



According to poll, in Ukraine, power to the people. In Russia, power to Putin

Ukrainians view the people as the source of power; Russians think Putin is. <http://goo.gl/Sq8Nrv>

Does Kremlin influence on German opinion pose a threat to Europe? (Video) <http://goo.gl/2FQTA0>

Meet Motorola, Self-Confessed War Criminal of the Donbas. *Alexander J. Motyl*. <http://goo.gl/wQ5kZO>

Mass protests, violent attacks against the police, Molotov cocktails, stones, sticks, women and children... The scene could easily be mistaken for the Maidan early last year, but in fact it was a recent training operation by Russia's Interior Ministry to prepare for just such an eventually on the streets of Moscow—Zaslou 2015. <http://goo.gl/6oo94V>

Ceasefire violations continue in east Ukraine

Ukrainian authorities support demilitarization of Shyrokyne

Apr 20. Russian-backed militants continued to attack Ukrainian positions into the early hours of Monday, according to reports from Ukraine's military. (Video) <http://goo.gl/C2WN9M>

Apr 19. Pro-Russian Militants violated the ceasefire over 50 times; over one-third of provocations were conducted using weapons banned by the Minsk agreements, including 120-mm mortars and 122-mm artillery pieces. <http://uacrisis.org/andrij-lisenko-20/>

Apr 18. Representatives of Ukraine at the Joint Center on Control and Coordination of issues related to ceasefire regime and the stabilization of the situation have visited the village of Shyrokyne, and expressed their readiness to demilitarize the zone under Ukraine's control if the militants uphold complete ceasefire. <http://goo.gl/1LEq6>

Insurgent leader Zakharchenko rejects demilitarization of Shyrokyne.

<http://goo.gl/ZAKLy7>

Russia sends 50 trucks, 20 APCs, and 40 wagons of military equipment into Donbas.

<http://goo.gl/WX7Ef3>

Claims by a newly-formed 'People's Council of Bessarabia' – and the Russian media – of 'alarming' arrests and persecution have been rejected by Odesa's national minorities who challenge the members of this 'Council' to identify themselves and explain why they're seeking a repetition of the scenario in eastern Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/d1Rke5>

Left: Apr. 17. Inspecting the Ceasefire in Shyrokyne: Russian Roulette. OCSE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (Video)

<http://goo.gl/qeSsUY>

Right: Ukrainian Art Group Goes Viral With Music Videos Mocking Separatists. (Video clip)

<http://goo.gl/GmcokO>



After war, Ukraine's soldiers face a fight with an internal enemy

After war, Ukraine's soldiers face a fight with an internal enemy. Ukraine is woefully unprepared for the mental toll of the war. Over the past year, the military has trained its soldiers to fight. But it wasn't until the fourth mobilization that it required new recruits to take training courses to prepare them psychologically for battle. <http://goo.gl/4kkUeu>

The Canada Ukraine Foundation, with the support of the OSI Clinic Network of the Royal Mental Health

Centre of Ottawa today announced the release of a mobile application to support mental health services for soldiers, veterans, their families and the public in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/pnBYir>

Debaltseve is the town of death and old people. (photos) <http://goo.gl/7Kg86H>

Over a third of Ukraine businesses donate to the army, displaced civilians

Ukrainian judges dismissed over corruption allegations

Parliament adopts measures to break monopolies in the gas market and bring order and transparency to a dysfunctional economy. <http://goo.gl/w3a86a>

Ukraine's High Commission for Judge Qualification has fired six judges across the country. Five of the judges were dismissed because of suspicions of corruption, and one was accused of illegally incarcerating peaceful demonstrators during protests that chased President Viktor Yanukovich from power in February 2014. <http://goo.gl/X3JglJ>

The Government of Ukraine plans to privatize a number of Ukraine's nonstrategic state enterprises. Russian investors will not be allowed to participate. <http://www.mnogovbloge.com/?p=11577&lang=en>

According to a survey, two out of five Ukrainian companies are involved in charity work to support the ATO or displaced civilians from the Donbas. Company management approve of the charity work by their staff. <http://goo.gl/jFLHKG>

Ukraine controls only 35 out of 95 mines in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/qCdhcF>

“Not only are our brothers dying in the East,” but increasing pollution and the destruction of nature reserves threaten our environment. “State parks are seriously suffering: 33 different sites in the protected areas of Donetsk, Luhansk, and Kharkiv oblasts were damaged during the ATO ...”

Left: interior of Gossip is an exact replica of a bar in Donetsk, a bar which no longer exists. Four inspiring stories of refugees who found success in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/nDKPYb>

Right: “Crimea Unveiled”: Documentary film spotlights Crimean Tatars and Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/c6gOLg>



Russia Charges Jailed Ukraine Film Director

Nadiya Savchenko faces pressure to ‘confess’

Soviet tyrant Stalin is being glorified on Crimea billboards ahead of the May 9th Victory Day. In the 1940s, he ordered the deportation of Crimean Tatars. (Video) <http://goo.gl/zrVPX6>

Nadiya Savchenko has been visited by Russian MPs trying to persuade her to ‘confess’ in order to be convicted and then – supposedly - pardoned. There seems no chance that she, Oleg Sentsov or Oleksandr Kolchenko will agree. Moscow seems to want to avoid the unlawfulness that will come to light if these cases are given public trials. <http://goo.gl/uIUhFB>

Ukrainian film director Oleh Sentsov, who was arrested last year by Russian authorities in Crimea for allegedly plotting terrorist attacks, has received the final version of his indictment.

<http://goo.gl/eaGY0X>

Leonid Kuzmin lost his job as a teacher, was sentenced to 40 hours community work, and was warned of ‘extremism’ for displaying a Ukrainian flag. He was recently attacked by young thugs and left with a concussion. <http://goo.gl/t8X712>

Khaiser Dzhemiliev, son of the veteran Crimean Tatar leader and Ukrainian MP Mustafa Dzhemiliev, is on trial in Russia after Moscow flouted an order from the European Court of Human Rights to release him from custody. The charges are much more serious now, demonstrating the real motive, being to put pressure on his father. <http://goo.gl/uT1udN>

Crimean City Cuts Off Ukrainian TV Channels. <http://goo.gl/LNw3hd>

Left: Scene from “The Living Fire”, a four-year-long film project documenting three generations of Ukrainian Carpathian shepherds in their struggle to keep the age-old trade alive in the face of contemporary changes. (video) <http://goo.gl/68J2Wv>

Right: Silver Waterfall near Sokolyne, Crimea. See more unknown Ukraine: waterfalls, lakes, rivers, canyons. (photos, Ukr) <http://goo.gl/1gptNn>



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