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Patriarch Filaret in EP: Stop Putin before the Third World War starts Poroshenko: '29 years ago Ukrainians stood up for the whole world'

29 years ago, a reactor at Chernobyl nuclear power plant exploded and spewed out a cloud of radiation that covered most of Europe. The scope of the tragedy was hidden from the Ukrainian population and the world. Five days later, on May 1st, thousands of children marched in a solidarity parade, their parents unaware of the danger to their health. Precious time was lost as the communist party tried to "save face" and to hide its inadequacy to deal with the tragedy. Today some say we have to allow Russian leadership to "save face". As experience shows, the best saving of face is admitting mistakes and apologizing - something that neither Soviet nor now Russian leadership has been willing to do vis-a-vis Ukrainians. Until this happens, no reconciliation or moving forward is possible. <http://goo.gl/PSgBKB> ; <http://goo.gl/IjKycW> ; <http://goo.gl/76Y6Qo>

Patriarch Filaret in EP: Stop Putin before the Third World War starts. <http://goo.gl/4DwgI7>

EU leaders and Ukrainian President Poroshenko opened the EU-Ukraine summit in Kyiv, the first since the Association Agreement was signed last year. <http://goo.gl/HaHclu>

Ukraine pragmatic about its membership in NATO –

Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/8Kp8Pa>

Council of Europe launches 'greatest action plan' for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/oXbNOa>

Akhmetov accused of 'blackmailing the state' by staging Kyiv miner strike. <http://goo.gl/BSesZu>

Ukraine opens access to the documents of the totalitarian Communist regime, announces Volodymyr Birchak, Deputy Director of State Branch Archive of Security Service of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/ijZs1Z>

Poroshenko: Ukrainians Should Vote On Whether to Join NATO. <http://goo.gl/wOVr2T>

Ukrainians split on visa regime for Russia, joining NATO, but very negative about Russian government. <http://goo.gl/1X5Pku>

Canadian medical team returning to Ukraine to undertake 2nd mission for victims of Euromaidan and Putin's invasion. <http://goo.gl/XQkNIQ>

Russian spy sentenced to 9 years of imprisonment. <http://goo.gl/uJsaM0>

Left: Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) launches ODIHR's new two-year project in Ukraine (OSCE) at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy <http://www.osce.org/odihr/153476>

Right: Ukraine marks 29 years since Chernobyl disaster. <http://goo.gl/n4eu0O>



EU and NATO fail another test

The EU and NATO failed another test when, on 18 April 2015, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin – on the EU sanctions list and blacklisted by Norway – landed on Norwegian arctic territory. There was no official response to Russia's provocation from Norway. <http://goo.gl/56IMVZ>

The Chernobyl Dictionary: Too Hot to Hide. <http://goo.gl/mmxp6J>

Analyst: Putin knows massive attack on Ukraine would be catastrophic. <http://goo.gl/Wggskk>

Before Putin acted, "only 14 percent of [Ukrainians] thought [they] needed to join NATO; now, this figure has risen to 70 percent." <http://goo.gl/fWbvCg>

Taming a few oligarchs will not change the oligarchic system. Ukraine still has no organized alternative to it in the form of civil society or small and medium businesses. <http://goo.gl/zhakxI>

Ukrainian forces in Pisky want OSCE to stay put

Former “DPR” fighter: ‘Russia will always push us in the back to fight...’

Apr 27. Combined Russian-separatist forces are at their “highest level” of combat readiness while Ukraine faces mounting pressure to cede more power to regional governments in the east. <http://goo.gl/sX7CM4>

Apr 25. A car carrying “DPR” fighters tailed the convoy of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission and used it as cover in order to reach militant-held positions on the eastern edge of Shyrokyne village. <http://goo.gl/5wPWgt>

Apr 24. Pro-Russian militants violate ceasefire 21 times. <http://goo.gl/uAG1O4>

Apr 23. Military equipment is being brought closer to the border with Ukraine in Crimea (Rus, Video) <http://goo.gl/Dg39r1>

Ukrainian President Poroshenko says he hopes for the liberation of occupied Ukrainian territories, but a military operation isn't an option, the presidential press service reported. <http://goo.gl/qkLiQe>

Ukrainian forces in Pisky want OSCE to stay put. <http://goo.gl/IuUzYz>

Apr 24. Gunfire, restrictions, detentions, and demilitarization “in theory”: The SMM reported on the current situation regarding the implementation the Minsk agreements. <http://goo.gl/ghpbKk>

Even as a military spokesman denied that any Ukrainian forces had been killed during a weekend battle in Shyrokyne on April 19, members of the Azov Regiment were packing up the body of a Georgian fighter killed by Russian-backed snipers. <http://goo.gl/qimyeQ>

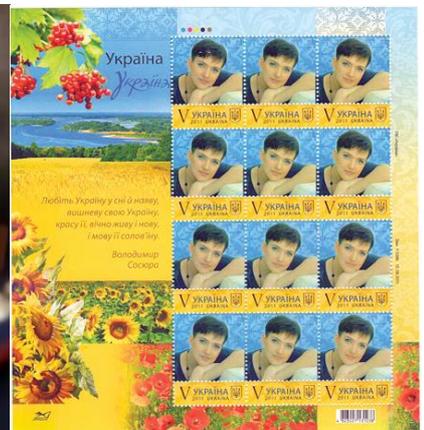
Former “DPR” fighter: ‘Russia will always push us in the back to fight...’ <http://goo.gl/nYi2Z9>

When he joined the separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine, Russian businessman Bondo Dorovskikh thought he would be fighting hordes of fascists bent on victimizing the local population. The reality on the ground turned out to be quite different. <http://goo.gl/XkECgo>

'Men Return Completely Changed': Ukraine Conflict Fueling Surge In Domestic Violence. <http://goo.gl/j5XZk4>

Left: Nadiya Savchenko: “I am the only free person here, even behind bars.” <http://goo.gl/1IAhgp>

Right: Postal service releases Savchenko stamp to support imprisoned pilot. <http://goo.gl/OAvgfF>



«Власна марка» для Надії Савченко

Mother and sister fly the globe to help Savchenko

Deportation & discrimination in occupied Crimea

'Illegal Border Crossing' Added To Russian Charges Against Savchenko. <http://goo.gl/oLwDL9>

Apr. 27. Savchenko Back on Hunger Strike; Russian Jailers May Send Her To Civilian Hospital. <http://goo.gl/vypRMz>

Nadiya Savchenko's mother and sister are traveling the world in a campaign to seek global help for the release of the kidnapped Ukrainian pilot held for more than 300 days in Russian custody. <http://goo.gl/31wN9E>

Moscow's claim that it needed to annex Crimea to protect ethnic Russians was never proven. What has

been demonstrated is that ethnic Ukrainians, Crimean Tatars and all Crimeans who remain Ukrainian nationals face serious discrimination. <http://goo.gl/Wg6SHt>

Russia Sentences Crimean Historian to Seven Years In Jail. <http://goo.gl/i5Quf1>

Cameraman for silenced Crimean Tatar channel jailed over coverage of pre-annexation protest. <http://goo.gl/C0bTYr>

A 22-year-old Belarusian IT engineer has been sent to jail for pro-Ukrainian activities on the Internet. <http://goo.gl/gMH5Cp>

Akhmetov uses miners to blackmail government

Crowdfunding a war - Ukraine's DIY drone-makers

Critics fear officials trying to sabotage lustration drive. <http://goo.gl/ZU1Tuc>

Akhmetov uses miners to blackmail government – Mustafa Nayem. <http://goo.gl/iVHsKR>

Prosecutors open criminal probe against tycoon Rinat Akhmetov. <http://goo.gl/A2i46U>

Free Energy and Its Enemies. What reforms are going on in Ukraine's energy sector and what is their outlook? <http://goo.gl/yXJIO3>

Showcase vs Show: law enforcement reforms. <http://goo.gl/f9Qgxx>

Ukrainian MP resigns after being caught booking EUR 10,000 holiday during parliament session. <http://goo.gl/6Xg3Us>

The gaps between officials' incomes and their assets are a painful reminder of the deep-rooted corruption and insider deals that continue to plague Ukrainian politics, despite being the main cause of two revolutions. <http://goo.gl/2T7rlt>

Despite Ukraine's tragic experiences with nuclear power, there are legitimate reasons why it is an attractive energy source for this struggling country. But a recent study raises concerns about the safety of nuclear reactors operated beyond their design lifetime. <http://goo.gl/xECJ1K>

Crowdfunding a war - Ukraine's DIY drone-makers. In a David versus Goliath-like battle, Ukrainian forces look to private companies and volunteer organisations to develop drone hardware in their fight against Russia. <http://goo.gl/ivMfQ9>

Between the devil and the deep sea
Ukraine in World War II

Ukrainian Institute of National Memory | UKRAINE CRISIS media center
Design: Alex Guzenko

Chronology of war

- March 15, 1939**: proclamation of the independent Carpathian Ukraine. In a few days it was occupied by the Hungarian army
- August 23, 1939**: Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, the Soviet Union and Germany divided the spheres of influence in Europe
- September 1, 1939**: Germany invaded Poland. Thousands of Ukrainians fought in the Polish army against the Nazis
- September 17, 1939**: Soviet Union invaded Poland. The invasion ended with the accession of Halychyna and Volyn to the USSR
- June 22, 1941**: Germany invaded the Soviet Union
- July 22, 1942**: Nazis occupied the entire territory of Ukraine
- November 1944**: Expulsion of the Nazis from Ukraine
- May 8, 1945**: Capitulation of Nazi Germany
- September 2, 1945**: Japan's surrender and the end of World War II
- Until the mid-1950s**: Struggle of the UPA (Ukrainian Insurgent Army) against the Soviet occupation

Ukraine's losses in World War II

- 8-10 mln. people died in general
- 3-4 mln. of military personnel
- more than 5 mln. civilians
- Destroyed: 700 cities, 28 000 villages, 6700 people killed in Koryukivka*

The Holocaust:

- 33,771 Jews were shot at Babi Yar on 29-30 September 1941
- 1.5 million Jews were murdered in the occupied Ukraine
- over 2 mln. were used as forced labor in the Third Reich
- 230 000 Crimean Tatars, Bulgarians, Armenians, Greeks were deported (May 18 - June 27 1944)
- Approx. 500 000 people were repressed in Western Ukraine

Contribution to the victory over Nazism

- 6 000 000 Ukrainians fought in the Red Army
- 100 000 Ukrainians fought in the UPA (Ukrainian Insurgent Army)
- 250 000 Ukrainians fought in the ranks of the allied armies

Outstanding Personalities

Ukrainians became heroes of different armies that fought against Hitler

- Ivan Kozhedub**: Ukrainian pilot who became Hero of the Soviet Union three times
- Volodymyr Yaniv**: Officer cadet of the Wladyslaw Anders II Polish Corps. Awarded with Virturi Militari Order
- Nicholas Minue**: soldier of the 6th mechanized regimen of the US Army. Awarded with the Medal of Honor
- Dmytro Karpenko**: commander of the UPA hundred «Sromantsi». Awarded with the 1st class Golden Cross for Military Merit.

*The largest settlement in Europe, destroyed by the Nazis during the punitive operation

Left: Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago's Ukrainian Village.
<http://goo.gl/KOzRil>

Right: Ukrainian traditional house interiors (photo, Ukr)
<http://goo.gl/6OOBJk>



Ukrainian takes Women's Chess Champion

Ukrainian boxer Wladimir Klitschko defeated American Bryant Jennings at Madison Square Garden on Apr 25 and defended his titles.
<http://goo.gl/VwOOqEB>

22-year-old Ukrainian Mariya Muzychuk is now the women's world chess champion. A native of Stryi in

the western province of Lviv, Muzychuk won the title on April 5th, after defeating Russia's Natalia Pogonina in a four-game match. The victory garnered Muzychuk the title of Grandmaster, the highest designation in the world of chess.
<http://goo.gl/YG6iqm>

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